PROCEEDING

— OF THE —

Fifty-sixth Annual Convention

— OF THE —

Evangelical Lutheran

Synod of Nebraska

— OF THE —

United Lutheran Church in America

Held in First Lutheran Church
Nebraska City, Nebraska

May 15-17, 1928

REV. F. C. WIEGMAN, Pastor

— ALSO —

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Meeting

— OF THE —

Lutheran Brotherhood

of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

April 18, 1928

Fremont, Nebraska

Synodical Calendar for 1927-1928

Officers

President,.....Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., 119 N. 40th St., Omaha, Neb.
Secretary.....Rev. E. C. Mortensen, Hardy, Nebraska.
Treasurer.....Mr. J. H. Miller, M. D., 735 E. 8th St., Fremont, Neb.
Statistician.....Rev. J. C. Hershey, Davenport, Nebraska.
Historian.....Rev. R. A. White, D. D., Wolbach, Nebraska.

Executive Committee:—Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., Rev. E. C. Mortensen, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., 1929; Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D., D. D., LL. D., 1931; Mr. H. Fischer, 1930.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Mission Committee:—Rev. H. A. Anspach, Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D.; Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, D. D.; Mr. A. Hedelund; Mr. Otto Nelson.

Ministerial Education Committee:—Rev. K. de Freese, Rev. W. A. Klink, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Litt. D. D., Rev. Geo. E. Mortensen.

Examining Committee:—Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., 1929; Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., 1929; Rev. G. N. Mendenhall, Ph. D., 1929; Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., 1930; Rev. H. F. Martin, Ph. D., 1930; Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Litt. D. D., 1931; Rev. Geo. E. Mortensen, 1931.

Laymen's Movement For Stewardship Committee:—Rev. O. W. Ebright, Rev. C. R. Lowe, Mr. W. G. Bell, Dr. H. T. Corbet, Mr. E. T. Tramp.

Board of Directors of Midland Assembly:—Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., Ex-Officio; Mrs. K. de Freese, Ex-Officio; Mr. L. D. Swanson, Ex-Officio; Rev. A. B. Swerdtfeger, Ex-Officio; Rev. F. C. Wiegmen, Ex-Officio; Rev. H. F. Martin, Ph. D., Luth B.; Rev. A. O. Frank, Pres., 1928, Mid. A.; Rev. G. N. Mendenhall, Ph. D. Sec., Mid. A., 1928; Mrs. G. E. Hickman, Mid. A. 1929; Mrs. G. H. Haase, Mid. A., 1929; Mrs. C. P. Karriker, Y. W. M. S., 1928; Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant, 1929, Light Brigade; Rev. C. L. Stager, Luther League, 1928.

Church Schools and Young People's Societies:—Rev. F. C. Weigman, Secretary of Church Schools; Rev. A. B. Swerdtfeger, Secretary of Young People's Societies; Rev. A. W. Young, Mr. Herbert Fisher, Mr. Arthur Sudman.

Committee on the Protocol:—Rev. J. C. Miller, Rev. C. F. H. Krueger.

Committee on the State of the Church:—Rev. W. H. Saas, Rev. C. P. Karriker, Rev. J. C. Miller.

Committee on Reference and Counsel:—Rev. H. A. Anspach, Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D., Rev. C. L. Stager.

Necrologist:—Rev. R. A. White, D. D.

Inner Mission Committee:—Rev. W. A. Klink, Rev. H. Dumler, Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D., Rev. C. H. Kemper.

Trustees of Tabitha Home:—Rev. R. E. Rangeler, Mr. J. H. Humpe.

Committee on Adjudication:—Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D., D. D., LL. D., Rev. L. Ries, Mr. H. Fischer.

Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief:—Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D., Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., Mr. G. W. Uhler, Mr. I. M. Augustine, Mr. L. J. Saylor, Mr. H. C. Peterson.

Committee on Architecture:—Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., Rev. L. Ries, Rev. M. J. Harder, Rev. H. Scherer, Rev. E. Bollman.

Committee on Synodical Paper:—Rev. G. P. Kabele, Rev. C. R. Lowe, Rev. E. G. Wood.

Committee on Evangelism:—Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, Rev. K. de Freese, Rev. A. O. Frank, Rev. H. C. Cordts.

Committee on Tithers' League:—Rev. J. L. Sawyer, Rev. T. D. Rinde, Rev. H. C. Cordts, Rev. M. J. Harder, Rev. C. P. Karriker.

Committee on the Constitution:—Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Litt. D., D. D., Mr. H. Fischer.

Committee on Publicity:—Rev. F. C. Wiegman, Rev. A. Young, Rev. H. Dumler, Rev. H. Scherer.

Committee on Students in Non-Lutheran Schools:—Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, D. D., Rev. C. F. H. Krueger, Mr. William Haas.

Attorney for Synod:—Mr. Harry Fischer.

Representative at W. M. S. Convention:—Rev. G. P. Kabele.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT CONVENTION

Meets at the Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha,
May 21, 1929, 2:00 P. M.

Communion Sermon.....Rev. A. O. Frank; Alternate, Rev. E. A. Vosseler.
Ordination Sermon.....Rev. G. K. Rubrecht; Alternate, Rev. R. A. White.
Chaplain.....Rev. R. E. Rangeler; Alternate, Rev. G. P. Kabele.
Organist.....Rev. E. A. Vosseler.
Chorister.....Rev. J. L. Sawyer

Ministers	St. Address	Ord.	Ent. Synod	Tues. P. M.	Wed. A. M.	Wed. P. M.	Thur. A.M.	City	Lay Delegates	Tues. P. M.	Wed. A. M.	Wed. P. M.	Thur. A.M.
Anspach, H. A.,	311 W. 5th	1913	1924	0	0	0	0	North Platte	E. T. Tramp	0	0	0	0
Baltzly, O. D., Ph. D., D.D., LL. D.,	2602 Farnam	1896	1911	0	0	0		Omaha	Harry Fischer	0	0	0	
Block, F.		1924	1924					Africa					
Bollman, E.		1890	1926					Shickley					
Cordts, H. C.		1926	1925	0	0		0	Wilber					
de Freese, K.,	2429 Mary St	1917	1916	0	0			Omaha	M. J. Hedelund		0	0	0
Dumler, H.		1926	1925	0	0	0	0	Hampton	Ben Paschke				
Ebright, O.W.,	25th & K St.	1919	1924	0	0	0	0	Omaha	H. T. Corbet	0	0	0	0
Fleck, E L.		1887	1910			0		Lincoln					
Frank, A. O.		1923	1922	0	0	0		Auburn	William Stuff				
Guss, W. I., D. D.,	119 N. 40th St.	1899	1919	0	0	0	0	Omaha					
Harder, M. J.		1925	1924	0	0	0	0	Oshkosh	Robert Quelle				
Harman, C. B., D.D.,	503 West Second St.	1900	1909					Grand Island					
Heidenreich, W. C.		1906	1928	0	0		0	Leigh	Simon Rentchler	0	0	0	0
Hershey, J. C.		1917	1917	0	0	0	0	Davenport	H J Snyder	0	0	0	0
Kabele, G. F.,	325 E. 10th	1898	1927	0	0	0	0	Fremont	Henry Andresen	0	0	0	
Kahse, W. T., D. D.		1905	1912	0	0		0	Sidney	M. W. Riggs				
Karriker C. P.		1925	1925	0	0			Ponca	Frank Bauer				
Keller, S. L.		1888	1910					Freemont					
Kemper, C. H.		1927	1926	0	0	0	0	Paxton	Arthur Sudman		0	0	0

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Klink, W. A.		1917	1917	0	0	0	0	West Point	Fred Kahrs		0	0	
Krueger, C. F. H.		1917	1928			0		Wayne	H. C. Petersen	0	0	0	
Kuhns, L. M., Litt. D., D.D,	458 Saun. & Kennedy Bld	1886	1888	0	0	0		Omaha	J. F. Smith				
Lewis, C. H. B., D. D.,	306 East 14th St.	1904	1925	0	0	0	0	Fremont					
Livers, R. W., D. D.		1906	1916	0	0	0		Hooper	Wm. Niebaum				
Lowe, C. R.,	214 9th St.	1907	1913	0	0	0	0	Beatrice					
Lowe, J. A., Ph. D.,	636 N. 41st Ave.	1878	1926	0	0	0		Omaha					
Marohn, A. A.		1913	1919					Davenport, Iowa					
Martin, H. F., Ph. D.,	Midland College	1905	1925					Fremont					
Machetski, P.		1915	1914					Buenos Ayres, South America					
Mendenhall, G. N., Ph. D.,	855 East Millitary	1908	1922			0	0	Fremont					
Miller, J. C.		1915	1928	0	0	0	0	Allen	W. Glen Bell	0	0	0	0
Mortensen, Geo. E.		1920	1920	0	0	0	0	So. Soux City	John Sierk	0	0		0
Mortensen, Ernest C.		1920	1920	0	0	0	0	Hardy	W. H. Scott				
Rangeler, R. E.		1919	1921	0	0	0	0	Emerson	Ernest Enke	0	0	0	
Raun, J. J.		1920	1928	0	0	0		Fremont					
Ries, L.		1907	1918			0	0	Falls City					
Rinde, T. D.		1924	1928	0	0	0	0	Verdon	B. F. Jorn				
Rubrecht, G. K., D. D.,	2526 A St.	1905	1928	0	0		0	Lincoln	J. H. Humpe			0	
Saas, W. H.		1925	1924	0	0	0	0	Dakota City	B. M. Boals				

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									(Salem) W. Niemeyer (Imm)				
Sawyer, J. L.,	808 Grant	1927	1928	0	0	0	0	York	Edward Wochner				
Scherer, H. H.		1928	1928	0	0	0	0	Hildreth	John Fritson				
Schwerdtfeger, A. B.		1924	1924	0	0	0	0	Stella	P. M. Monette	0	0	0	-
Stager, C. L.,	2051 N. 20th	1919	1924	0	0	0	0	Omaha	Otto Nelson				
Voss, W. A.		1925	1924			0		Omaha					
Vosseler, E. A.		1920	1923	0	0	0	0	Rising City	L. J. Saylor		0	0	0
Wiegman, F C.		1927	1927	0	0	0	0	Nebraska City	W. W. Metz				
Weaver, G. B., D. D.,	2813 North 60th St.	1898	1916	0	0	-	0	Omaha	Albert Hedelund	0	0		
White, P. C.		1928	1924					Chicago					
White, R. A., D. D.		1886	1886					Wolbach	A. C. Larsen				
Wood, E. G.			1928					Fremont					
Young, A. W.		1926	1924					Stamford	C. Ellmers				
								McCool	Henry J. Seng				
								Tekamah					
								Benedict	H. E. Nelson				
								Lincoln (St. James)					
								Walton-Eagle					

MINUTES
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The Fifty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America, held in the First Lutheran Church of Nebraska City, Nebraska, opened on Tuesday afternoon, May 15th, 1928 at 2 o'clock. The Communion sermon was preached by Rev. M. J. Harder of Oshkosh, Nebraska, from the text Luke 22:41. The liturgical service and the Communion were conducted by the officers of Synod, assisted by Rev. M. J. Harder.

The business sessions began immediately following the communion, and the roll of pastors and lay delegates was called.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel made a report of the program of the business of Synod, and the same was adopted as changed by the committee.

Moved, seconded and carried that the bar of Synod be the first six pews.

The President's report was given by the President of Synod, Rev. Wm. I. Guss, D. D. The report was referred to the Committee on the President's Report, with the exception of the following resolution:

RESOLVED that Synod allow to our delegates to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America at Erie, Pa., the exact hotel and boarding expenses, not to exceed $4.00 per day. This includes the days required for direct travel both ways and also the actual days spent in attendance at the Convention. The chairman of the delegation shall keep record of the attendance of our delegates, and the delegates shall report the bill of expense to the chairman of the delegation for approval.

The above resolution was adopted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

May 15, 1928

To the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, in convention assembled, I do herewith submit my second report as the President of the Synod. Our hearts are today filled with gratitude to Almighty God for the evidence of His blessing upon our labors for another year. It is a great work which God has entrusted to our care. We rejoice that we are counted worthy to be co-laborers with Him who has called us into His service. Under the Divine guidance, we now meet in this Fifty-Sixth Annual Convention to review and act upon the work of the past year and to plan further for the advancement of the Kingdom of our God.

Resignations.

Name, Place, and Date Effective.

Rev. Wm. Hoffmann, Allen, June 1, 1927.
Rev. A. O. Soholm, Grace, Omaha, November 1, 1927.
Rev. E. H. Kreutz, St. James, Lincoln, March 1, 1928.
Rev. Max J. Harder, Benedict, April 15, 1928.

Dismissals.

Rev. Wm. Hoffmann, to the Texas Synod, November 21, 1927.
Rev. A. O. Soholm, to the Iowa Synod, November 1, 1927.

Accessions.

Rev. J. L. Sawyer, from Iowa Synod, June 15, 1927.
Rev. Wm. C. Heidenreich, from Illinois Synod, July 1, 1927.
Rev. Thos. D. Rinde, from Pacific Synod, August 7, 1927.
Rev. Jos. C. Miller, from Indiana Synod, September 1, 1927.
Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, D. D., from North West Synod, December 1, 1927.
Rev. Jas. J. Raun, from Kansas Synod, May 1, 1928.

Calls Accepted.

Rev. Wm. C. Heidenreich, Grace, Leigh, July 1, 1927.
Rev. Thos. D. Rinde, to St. Mark's Verdon, August 1, 1927.
Rev. C. F. Herman Krueger, St. Paul's, Wayne, August 14, 1927.
(Pending reception into Synod).
Rev. Jos. C. Miller, to First, Allen, September 1, 1927.
Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, D. D., to Grace, Lincoln, Nov. 1, 1927.
Rev. Wm. H. Saas, to Dakota City, Immanuel, October 9, 1927.
Rev. Henry Scherer, to St. Paul's, Hildreth, March, 1928.
Rev. Max J. Harder, to Oshkosh-Lewellen, April 16, 1928.
Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, D. D., Grace, Omaha, April 29, 1928.

Installations.

Rev. Carl Kemper, at Paxton-Sutherland, by the President of Synod, June 12, 1927.

Rev. J. L. Sawyer, at McCool Junction and at York by Dr. H. F. Martin, assisted by Dean Holmes Dysinger, D. D., LL. D., June 19, 1927.

Rev. Wm. C. Heidenreich, at Leigh, President Guss gave the charge in English to the Congregation and Rev. H. C. Cordts gave the sermon in German to the pastor, July 12, 1927.

Rev. Fred Weigman, at Nebraska City. The President of Synod gave the sermon to the Congregation, and that to the pastor was delivered by Dean Holmes Dysinger, D. D., LL. D., July 26, 1927.

Rev. Thos. D. Rinde, at Verdon, by President H. F. Martin, D. D., and Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, October 2, 1927.

Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, D. D., at Grace, Lincoln, President Guss preached the sermon to the Congregation, and that to the pastor was delivered by Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., LL. D., December 4, 1927.

Rev. Max J. Harder, at Oshkosh-Lewellen, by the President of Synod, April 22, 1928.

Vacancies

The following are regularly supplied:

Benedict, by various persons.

Tekamah, by Student, Rev. L. H. Steinhoff.

Hubbard and Homer, by Rev. G. E. Mortensen.

Potter, by Dr. W. T. Kahse.

Walton-Eagle, and St. James, Lincoln, have called a pastor, who will serve both parishes.

Spring Valley, Bruning and Emmanuel near Stamford have discontinued services.

Congregational Membership of Ministers.

The following ministers without parishes hold their Congregational Membership as follows:

Bollman, E., Christ's, Davenport.
Fleck, E. Lee, First, Rising City.
Guss, W. I., D. D., St. Mark's, Omaha.
Keller, S. L., Salem, Fremont.
Lewis, C. H. B., D. D., Salem, Fremont.
Lowe, J. A., Ph. D., Trinity, Beatrice.
Marohn, A. A.
Martin, H. F., D. D., Salem, Fremont.
Mendenhall, G. N., Ph. D., Salem, Fremont.
Raun, Jas. J., Salem, Fremont.

Demitted the Ministry

On March 21, 1928, Rev. Edwin H. Kreutz signed a statement in which he demitted the Ministry of the Evangelical Synod of Nebraska, and asked that his name be dropped from the roll of the Synod. The original signed copy of this statement is filed with the Secretary of the Synod and a signed copy of the same is retained in the President's files.

The Ministerial Pensions Campaign

The amount of the goal was $4,000,000. This has been over-subscribed nearly $100,000.

Our Synod subscribed $54,701.70, which is $5,291.70 more than the assigned quota. Forty-eight (48) of the Churches of the Synod subscribed something. Only four (4) Congregations made no report.

For this splendid response of the members of our Congregations we have great reason to thank God.

Dedications.

October 23, 1927. The First Lutheran Church of Wayne, Rev. C. F. Herman Krueger, pastor, after making numerous improvements on the building, was rededicated with appropriate services.

The morning sermon was preached by the President of Synod. At the afternoon service Rev. Ralph E. Rangeler was the chief speaker, and Rev. B. A. Teckhaus also brought greetings. President Guss had charge of the offerings and about $600 were raised, which amount almost cleared off the balance on the indebtedness. A new basement was placed under the Church with new furnace, lavatories, fully equipped kitchen, and assembly room. A hard wood oak floor was placed in the Church Auditorium, and the pulpit and altar redecorated. This remodeling cost over $4,000.

December 2, 1927. The Grace Church of Omaha, Dr. Luther M. Kuhns, the acting pastor, was rededicated after extensive remodeling. This Church is superior and better in every way than before the destructive fire. We note some of the changes as follows: The Auditorium has rounded arches in ceiling; walls of the Church are beautifully decorated; attractive lighting system; all furniture has mission finish; the rebuilt altar with the electric candles and rich pulpit and altar paraments; the new Bibles and a $200 baptismal font are donations; new hymn books; new carpet; beautiful art glass windows; choir robe lockers; steel music cabinet; in the basement is a kitchen fully equipped with two gas stoves, dishes, cupboards, tables, etc.; two new furnaces and lavatories; concrete steps at the entrance of the Church. All this was completed at an approximate cost of $12,000. The President of Synod delivered the morning sermon and Dr. H. F. Martin the evening sermon. Rev. R.

Ulvilden, Dr. E. G. Chinlund and Dean Holmes Dysinger, D. D., LL. D., preached the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The choir rendered some appropriate music for the occasion.

May 29, 1927. The pipe organ of the Immanuel Church of Tekameh, which was installed in 1926, was dedicated. Dr. H. F. Martin, President of Midland College, delivered a sermon and Miss Evangel Hibben of the College faculty gave an organ recital.

Anniversaries.

Fremont—May 29, 1927, Salem Church celebrated the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Organization by three services with special sermons by Dr. E. H. Klotsche, Rev. Kurt H. Runze, and Dr. E A. Beyer. A special program and social meeting Thursday, June 2nd, when addresses were given by Rev. C. Sick, Mrs. Anna Mueller, Dr. H. F. Martin, and Pastor G. P. Kabele.

Omaha—June 19, 1927. The First Church, Benson, Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., Pastor, celebrated the Twentieth Anniversary of the organization of the Congregation. Three special services were held. Former pastor of the Church and other pastors of the city were present and brought greetings. An interest bearing debt of about $1,000 was pledged and paid.

Tekamah—April 15, 1928, Emmanuel Church, Rev. L. H. Steinhoff, Supply Pastor, celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the Congregation. Dr. Luther M. Kuhns preached the morning sermon, Dr. H. F. Martin that at the afternoon service, and Dr. E. H. Klotsche that at the evening service. Rev. Henry Scherer had charge of the Liturgical Service, and Mrs. M. D. Willert, a charter member, gave an address.

Fremont—April 29, 1928, Rev. G. P. Kabele celebrated the Thirtieth Anniversary of his entrance into the ministry. Sermons were preached by Pastor Kabele and the President of the Synod.

Improvments, Etc.

Allen—Repainted interior of Church basement; put new floor in parsonage basement; provided a sewage disposal for parsonage; repainter interior of parsonage. Total cost $200.

Beatrice—Parsonage interior and exterior painted $225, Church School room remodelled and redecorated $400, furnace repaired $120. Total cost $740.

Davenport—Paid debt on parsonage of $514. Increased pastor's salary $150.

Fremont—Salem Church reduced the indebtedness $7,183. Curtains purchased for rear of auditorium at a cost of $100. Room was furnished in the Church as a nursery. A piano was purchased for Church School. Four additional communion trays and glasses were purchased.

Grand Island—Paid all indebtedness, $1,100.

Hildreth—Paid over $2,500 on Church debt.

Leigh—Decorated interior of Church at cost of $340, paid by Ladies' Aid. A septic tank was installed at a cost of $150.

Nebraska City—First Lutheran Church made extensive improvements on property in 1927. Basement was floored and walls were stripped and plastered. An outside entrance was built for the kitchen and a sidewalk laid to the front of the church. The lawn was landscaped and $100 worth of shrubbery and trees planted. Total cost of improvements over $1,500, all of which, with the exception of $125, has been paid by the Ladies' Aid and Sunday School.

Lincoln—Grace introduced the Common Service Book with Hymnal.

McCool—Exterior and interior of Church painted at a cost of $413, not counting labor. No debts.

Omaha—St. Mark's—Redecorated Church School Auditorium, $85; rebuilt kitchen $130. Total $215.

Omaha—Redeemer Congregation redecorated the interior of the Church, at a cost of $400.

Stamford—Trinity Church has reduced the indebtedness $250; purchased new Hymnals for the Church School and for the Congregation; bought a mimeograph machine with which a weekly bulletin is published. Seven thousand dollars ($7,000) have been subscribed toward the erection of a new Church building.

Tekamah—A new choir screen, at a cost of $135. A new stucco garage, cost $495.

West Point—The interiors of the Church and Parsonage were entirely redecorated at a cost of $1,400.

Wilber—Installed new lighting system, $75; painted the Church, $36; and paid paving debt of $189. Total cost $300.

York—Paid $396 on Church debt; changed heating system, $40; blackboard and screen for Church School; basement walls painted; new tables, $87; labor donated.

Information.

At the request of the President two parishes took action as follows:

Salem, Dakota City, voted to permit the Immanuel Congregation to call and have the services of their pastor, Rev. W. H. Sa as .

The Walton-Eagle parish also voted to permit their pastor to serve the St. James, Lincoln, Congregation.

The York and McCool parishes have been satisfactorily using the same pastor for about two years.

Other Activities of the President.

The President assisted at two funerals, solemnized three marriages, and baptized three children, attended several Church Council and Congregation meetings, preached or sent supplies to vacant parishes, held many conferences with pastors and other individuals, was present at conventions and conference meetings of the Synod and three Bible schools, visited Augustana Lutheran Synod at Omaha, the Danish Lutheran Synod meeting at Blair and the German Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, at Lincoln, was at Chicago to participate in the Synodical Presidents' Conference and the Ministerial Pensions Campaign "Set-up" Conference, attended various committee and board meetings, delivered Pension Campaign addresses and many sermons and other addresses, used up many dollars worth of postage, and traveled hundreds of miles in executing the duties of the office.

Church Property.

In accordance with the instructions of this Synod, (See Minutes of 1927, pages 14 and 41) the Church property at York, Nebraska was properly transferred to the First United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Lutheran Church at Oakland, Nebraska, having disbanded, the property by direction of the Constitution, became the possession of the Board of American Missions. By instructions of this board, I sold this property for $2,250, which amount was sent to the board after deducting the costs of sale and taxes paid. This balance, $2,013.06, at the request of the President, has been reserved by the board to be used in the state of Nebraska when requestd by the Synodical Mission Committee.

Recommendations

1. That we humbly acknowledge the mercies of God that have marked the labors of the past year.
2. That we, the members of this Synod, conscientiously hold fast to the true faith without wavering, and that we strive earnestly to build up the spiritual life of our Congregations.
3. That Synod again request every Congregation to do its utmost to attain the following goals for this Synodical year:

1st. "Ten per cent increase in communing members."

2nd. "One hundred per cent to be the minimum paid on apportionment for benevolence."

4. That the attention of pastors and Church officers be called to Article VIII, Section 2, of Synod's Constitution, and that they be re-

quested to send the apportioned benevolence to the Treasurer of Synod in monthly installments.

5. That all Church officers arrange to pay their pastor's salary monthly.

6. That all Congregations see that their Church Constitutions are in harmony with Synod's Constitution, and that their Congregations are properly incorporated.

7. That Synod request all of our Churches to take an offering for the National Lutheran Council, so that the quota for our Synod may be raised.

8. That the following resolution, which we submit upon the action of the Executive Committee, be considered immediately after the President's report:

"Resolved, that Synod allow to our delegates to the convention of the United Lutheran Church their exact hotel and boarding expenses, not to exceed four dollars per day. This includes days required for direct travel to and from the convention, also the actual days spent in attendance at the convention. The chairman of the delegation shall keep a record of the attendance of each delegate, and each delegate shall report his expenses to the chairman of the delegation for approval."

9. That further instructions be given to the President, in reference to the action of Synod (See 1927 Minutes, page 37, resolution in reference to Rev. A. A. Marohn). Two letters were written to this brother and he has not replied.

What further action does the Synod direct?

10. That the expenses to and from the meetings of Synod of our retired pastors residing within the bounds of the Synod, and who so request, shall hereafter be paid from the funds of Synod,

11. That pastors announce to their Congregations the time for the sessions of Synod at least one month before the time of meeting, and that the Congregation be requested not to arrange any meetings or functions that will interfere with the pastor's attendance at all of the sessions of Synod.

As President, I want to thank the members of the Synod for their splendid co-operation and good will during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
W. I. GUSS, President.

The following new members of Synod were introduced to Synod:

Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, D. D.; Rev. J. L. Sawyer, Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, Rev. J. C. Miller, Rev. T. D. Rinde, Rev. J. J. Raun.

Mrs. A. B. Swerdtfeger spoke to Synod as the representative of the Nebraska Women's Missionary Society, and the President of Synod gave an appropriate response.

Dr. Jos. H. Miller read the report of the Treasurer. Adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash last report		$ 2,936.17
United Lutheran Church		20,857.67
Midland College		6,940.87
Western Theological Seminary		280.44
Synod Treasury		4,463.92
Tabitha Home:		
Apportionment	$560.88	
Specials	292.55	853.43
Ministerial Education		876.37
Nebraska Synod Lutheran		598.43
Synod Missionary Committee		525.82
Foreign Missions—Specials:		
Chinese Missions	$ 69.37	
Andhra College	100.00	
India Missions	985.00	
African Missions	48.00	
Diamond Jubilee	9.12	
Japanese Missions	5.00	
Undesignated	86.41	1,302.90
Miscellaneous:		
Ministerial Relief	$271.73	
World Service	321.16	
Pacific Seminary and Saskatoon College	185.10	
Girl' Dormatory	105.00	
Mississippi River Relief	22.36	
Midland Assembly Association	30.00	
Jewish Missions	10.00	
Inner Missions	3.00	948.35
Undivided Apportionment		392.00
		$40,976.37

Disbursements.

Treasurer United Lutheran Church	$21,221.21
Tabitha Home	863.20
Nebraska Synod Lutheran	640.87
Midland College	7,347.18
Synod Missionary Committee	534.99
Various Missions—Specials	1,315.90
World Service	321.16

Ministerial Relief	271.73
Pacific Seminary and Saskatoon College	185.10
Girls' Dormitory	105.00
Midland Assembly	30.00
Mississippi River Flood Relief	22.36

Ministerial Education:

Harry Coder	$ 175.00	
Wm. F. Martin	75.00	
Carl H. Kemper	100.00	
Herbert D. Dixon	200.00	
Paul White	100.00	
Lewis Weitzenkamp	100.00	
W. S. Livers	50.00	
Thorwald Hildebrandt	100.00	
Wirner Jessen	100.00	
Hugh Dowler	75.00	
		$ 1,075.00

Synod Treasury:

Franklin Printing House	$ 890.79
J. F. Bastar	20.00
Wm. I. Guss	3,304.19
A. O. Soholm	2.25
C. B. Harman	13.88
Wm. Hoffman	3.04
G. F. Koester	5.54
W. F. Sass	1.56
R. E. Rangeler	1.32
E. C. Mortensen	.64
Henry Pederson	1.92
M. Koolen	5.36
G. Hahn	1.50
A. H. Anspach	9.38
Chas. Breternitz	5.04
H. C. Leonard	10.34
Wm. T. Kahse	15.10
Geo. Mortensen	1.94
E. H. Krentz	3.56
Otto Lubeck	6.32
R. A. White	1.70
Paul White	3.52
C. P. Karriker	3.19
Springer Printing Co.	11.00
United Lutheran Church Printing House	.60

Corey & McKinzie Printing Co.	2.50	
Jos. H. Miller	67.25	
George Daniels	10.00	
J. C. Hershey	5.25	
G. B. Weaver	24.81	
Ernest Enke	50.00	
Salem Church, Fremont	408.00	
Wm. A. Klink	2.64	
H. Belle Bliss	13.50	
H. C. Cordts	10.00	
		$ 4,917.63
Cash on hand		2,125.04
		$40,976.37

Cash on hand as follows:

Synod Treasury	$ 515.01	
Ministerial	1,095.26	
Synod Paper	122.77	
Undivided Apportionment	392.00	
Total received for the year		$38,040.20
Received on Apportionment		35,494.90
Received for externals		2,545.30
Percentage on Apportionment		73.9%
Churches having met Apportionment		18
Churches giving nothing		2

On March 3, 1925, the Executive Committee loaned $5050.00, without interest for five years, to Saint James Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. Note due March 3, 1930.

At the October, 1925, session of the Nebraska Synod the Executive Committee was authorized to give the Synod's note to Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, for the sum of $3,000.00, with interest at 6 per cent per annum. The note was given, the interest paid as due, and the note reduced to $1,500.00.

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. H. MILLER, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

	Appor't	Paid on Appor't	Pct.	Paid on Specials	Totals Paid
Allen	$ 736.00	$ 228.00	30.9%	$ 1.50	$ 229.50
Auburn	800.00	805.00	100 %	131.26	936.26
Beatrice	587.00	587.00	100 %	18.69	605.69

Benedict, Bethel	139.00	33.00	23.7%	2.06	35.06
Benedict, Zion	418.00	337.00	80.6%	5.00	342.00
Dakota, Emman	114.00	48.00	42.1%		48.00
Dakota, Salem	522.00	429.00	82.1%	51.65	480.65
Davenport	596.00	612.00	102.6%	69.25	681.25
Eagle	80.00				
Emerson	1,024.00	1,024.00	100 %	91.00	1,115.00
Ericson	129.00	40.00	31 %		40.00
Falls City	726.00	137.00	18.8%	1.00	138.00
Fremont	1,153.00	1,153.00	100 %	38.00	1,191.00
Grand Island	2,346.00	1,315.00	56 %		1,315.00
Gurley	437.00	437.00	100 %		437.00
Hampton	423.00	284.00	67.1%		284.00
Hardy	348.00	278.00	79.8%	3.00	281.00
Homer	328.00	29.10	8.8%		29.10
Hooper	701.00	564.00	80.4%		564.00
Hubbard	109.00	18.00	16.5%		18.00
Lewellen	259.00	160.00	61.7%		160.00
Leigh	636.00	575.00	90.4%	43.00	618.00
Lincoln, Grace	1,705.00	1,124.00	65.9%	30.00	1,154.00
Lincoln, St. Jas.	189.00	102.00	53.9%		102.00
McCool Junction ..	328.00	328.00	100 %	16.50	344.50
Nebraska City	596.00	361.00	60.5%	21.40	382.40
North Platte	2,192.00	2,192.00	100 %	177.12	2,369.12
Omaha, First	810.00	510.00	62.9%	31.50	541.50
Omaha, Grace	994.00	572.00	57.5%		572.00
Omaha, K. M.	15,750.00	11,100.00	70.4%	1,398.17	12,498.17
Omaha, Redeemer..	1,054.00	1,054.00	100 %	6.00	1,060.00
Omaha, St. Luke ..	1,536.00	1,552.00	100 %	75.00	1,627.00
Omaha, St. Mark....	1,282.00	1,282.00	100 %	30.36	1,312.36
Oshkosh	189.00	182.00	96.3%		182.00
Paxton	303.00	205.00	67.6%		205.00
Ponca	840.00	150.00	17.8%		150.00
Potter	129.00	153.00	110 %		139.00
Rising	760.00	760.00	100 %	50.95	810.95
Sidney	398.00	265.00	66.5%	11.00	276.00
S. Sioux	457.00	457.00	100 %	12.00	469.00
Stamford, Em.	109.00				
Stamford, Trinity ..	398.00	190.00	47.7%		190.00
Stella	174.00	134.00	77 %	3.00	137.00
Sutherland	104.00	104.00	100 %		104.00
Tekamah	249.00	274.00	110 %	11.00	285.00
Verdon	721.00	596.00	82.6%	46.98	642.98
Walton	467.00	34.00	7.2%	22.36	56.36
Wayne	1,317.00	367.00	27.8%		367.00

West Point	1,953.00	1,500.00	76.8%	30.00	1,530.00
Wilber	244.00	244.00	100 %	30.00	274.00
Wolbach	562.00	287.00	51 %		287.00
York	239.00	239.00	100 %	17.05	256.05
Hildreth	441.00	65.90	14.9%		65.90
Lorton				10.00	10.00
Synod in Session	14.40			10.00	24.40
W. I. Guss		3.50		47.50	47.50
Mrs. M. P. Hansen				1.50	1.50
A. B. Shrader				1.00	1.00
Totals	$49,022.00	$35,494.90		$2,545.30	$38,040.20

Dr. R. W. Livers read the report of the Auditors of the books of the Treasurer of Synod. Adopted.

REPORT OF AUDITORS

To the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

We have examined the books, vouchers and bank statements of the Treasurer of the Nebraska Synod for the year 1927, having checked all receipts and disbursements and bank statements and find the following:

Cash at beginning of year	$ 2,936.17
Cash received during the year	38,040.20
	$40,976.37
Disbursements	$38,854.33
Outstanding checks	2,125.04
	$40,979.37
Balance in bank	$ 9,249.64

Balance in bank and cash on hand plus outstanding checks equal balance.

Auditors:

HERMAN STELK, Chairman.

The Statistician's report was given by Rev. J. C. Hershey. Adopted.

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Index Number	PAROCHIAL: Church Societies: Men's: Number	Men's: Members	Women's: Number	Women's: Members	Young People: Number	Young People: Members	FINANCIAL: Valuation of Church Property: Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Congregational Exp.: Current	Unusual	Total	Congregational Benevolences: Apportioned: Paid	Excess	Deficit	Unapportioned: Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Other Benevolences	Total Unapportioned	Summary: Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
1	1	16	2	48	1	12	16000	4000				20000		1274	340	1614	211		525		52	10	16	44	122	333	1947
2	1	28	2	39	1	20	12000	3000				15000	1000	4185	545	4730	954	3		615	109		80	35	839	1793	6523
3			2	38	1	15	20000	7000				27000		2364	500	2864	636	3		36			56	100	192	828	3692
4			1	12			1000					1000		689	108	797	33		106					32	32	65	862
5			2	44			10000	5500				15500	700	1248	1218	2466	370		48		12		13	62	87	457	2923
6			2	35			6500					7235		749	5	754	48		66	3	3		14	3	23	71	825
7			1	10	1	15	10000					10000		2100		2100	429		93		30	21			51	480	2580
8			2	71			26000	7500				33500		2434	826	3260	596	16		282	198	41	91	6	618	1230	4697
9			2	66	3	94	25000	5000				30000		3265	155	3420	1024				190		15	407	612	1636	5056
10			1	39	2	46	4000	4000				8000		2638		2638	142		488				116	63	179	321	2959
11	1	25	4	181	3	65	100000	7000			1500	108500	48375	9315	6456	15771	1153			1944	162		38	513	2657	3810	19581
12			3	111	2	94	32000	3000				35000		4985	1250	6235	1417		929	230			330	154	714	2131	8366
13			1	30			3000	5000			9000	8900		1915		1915	284		139	50	28		30		108	392	2307
14			3	72	1	15	20000	6000				26000		2140		2140	278		70		30		70	26	126	404	2544
15			1	14			9000	4000				13000	3800	1028	2400	3428	64									64	3492
16	1	15	2	74	1	14	25000	7000				32000	2300	3023	1450	4473	564		242	25		200		198	423	987	5460
17			1	21	1	90	15000	7000				22000	2200	1783	690	2473	575		56	50	35		32	47	164	739	3212
18	1	53	3	113	6	161	20000	5000		60	6703	31763	4000	4842	1296	6138	1302		463	43	127	126	90	11	397	1699	7837
19			1	10	2	42	4236	2279			2809	9324	8119														
20			2	52	1	12	9000	5000				14000	75	2144	717	2861	361		193		12		28	90	130	491	3352
21	1	40	3	216	3	90	100000	10000				110000	19500	8633		8633	2192			1144	282		51	320	1797	3989	12622
22			2	43	1	18	15000					15000	1200	4273	960	5233	560		250	48	29	10	68	114	269	829	6062
23	1	20	2	35	1	28	25000		1000		1600	27600		5305	12465	17770	1122	128								1122	18892
24	1	35	2	211	4	262	425000		15000	2200	107000	549200	4000	25430	1258	26688	10168		5582	388	913	2683	785	898	5667	15835	42523
25	1	30	1	48	3	55	20000					20000	2776	3918	1505	5423	1147			100	296	60			456	1603	7026
26			3	50	2	39	10000				23000	33000	11500	5012	200	5212	1719	183		98	794		25	61	978	2697	7909
27			2	60	1	20	20000	5000				25000		2972	520	3492	1282			1089	104	25		464	1682	2964	6456

PAROCHIAL

Index Number	Parish	Congregation	When Organized	Pastor	Congregations	Membership: Baptized	Membership: Confirmed	Membership: Communing	Accessions: Children: Baptism	Accessions: Children: Otherwise	Accessions: Adult: Baptism	Accessions: Adult: Confirmation	Accessions: Adult: Certificate	Accessions: Adult: Otherwise	Losses: Children: Death	Losses: Children: Otherwise	Losses: Adult: Death	Losses: Adult: Certificate	Losses: Adult: Otherwise	Ch. Papers: No Sub. to Official Papers	Ch. Papers: No S. S. Papers Distributed	Ch. Papers: No. Sub. to Other Church Papers	Church Schools: Sunday: Number	Church Schools: Sunday: Officers and Teachers	Church Schools: Sunday: Scholars	Church Schools: Sunday: Home Dep't	Church Schools: Sunday: Cradle Roll	Church Schools: W'kday: Number	Church Schools: W'kday: Teachers	Church Schools: W'kday: Scholars	Catechumens	Students: Ministry	Students: In Lutheran	Students: In Non-Lutheran
† 28	Oskosh	St. Mark's	1906	Vacant	1	67	45	30															1	8	60									
† 29	Lewellen	Grace		Vacant	1	106	65	39															1	6	45									
30	Paxton	Trinity	1902	Kemper, C. H.	1	184	122	103	15		9	5	3	2		2	1	2		2	34		1	8	59						8		2	2
31	Southerland	Grace	1902	Kemper, C. H.	1	32	19	15								2			2	1	30		1	6	30						6			1
32	Ponca	Salem	1856	Karriker, C. P.	1	306	243	145	7		3	9	1			1	5	7		13	30	30	1	13	129	10	27	1	6	76	11		1	2
33	Rising City	1st Lutheran	1883	Vosseler, E. A.	1	270	167	131	11	5	4	5	3	5	1	4		2	8	18	85	2	1	13	180		40				15		1	3
34	Sidney	Trinity	1886	Kahse, W. T.	1	164	84	84	6	6		2	11		1	4	2	2	4	6	35	7	1	7	89	7								
35	Gurley	Grace	1916	Kahse, W. T.	1	173	90	90	5	7		8	4			4		4	6	4	45	2	1	13	86		30							2
36	Potter	1st Lutheran	1892	Kahse, W. T. (sply.)	1	52	36	30	2	5		1	5	2				2		2	8	1	1	3	30									
37	S. Soux City	1st Lutheran	1920	Mortensen, G. E.	1	207	126	74	27	21		9	9	12	1	6	1		14	1	40		1	15	120		40				21			2
† 38	Homer	St. Paul	1886	Mortensen, G. E.(sply)	1	95	93	38															1	5	44									
† 39	Hubbard			Mortensen, G. E.(sply)	1	25	25	15																										
40	Stamford	Trinity	1888	Young, A. W.	1	158	103	81	9				10	5			1			5	24		1	9	105		15					1	1
41	Stella	Trinity	1884	Schwerdtfeger, A. B.	1	42	32	20	2								3				26		1	10	65			1	7	64	2			
42	Tekamah	Immanuel	1878	Steinhoff, L. H. (sply)	1	100	58	53		4		2	3	1				1		12	55	24	1	18	48		14						2	1
43	Verdon	St. Mark's	1883	Rinde, T. D.	1	227	153	118	5	2		6		1		3		4			49		1	20	120		18						1	
44	Walbach	Trinity	1903	White, R. A.	1	241	137	107	12		5	9				1		1	6	2	60		1	10	94	10	10	1	4	31	21		2	1
45	Ericson	1st Lutheran	1898	White, R. A.	1	36	30	21										1		2	7		1	1	25									1
† 46	Walton	Grace	1916	Vacant	1	152	99	89															1	9	99									
† 47	Eagle	Trinity	1893	Vacant	1	26	19	13																										
48	Wayne	St. Paul's	1884	Krueger, C.F.H. (sply)	1	391	247	244	10	5		4	3	3		19	8	4	31	10	35	4	1	15	121						11			4
49	Wilber	1st Lutheran	1889	Cordts, H. C.	1	175	62	52					8	3			2			6	50		1	12	120						15		1	1
50	West Point	Grace	1874	Klink, W. A.	1	648	418	395	27	9	2	19		11			3	7		50	200		1	25	286		54					1	1	16
51	York	1st Lutheran	1903	Sawyer, J. L.	1	97	69	45	1		1	7	4	6				4		10	34		1	10	78		10				7			1
52	McCool	1st Lutheran	1897	Sawyer, J. L.	1	142	84	56	4	4				4			1	1		1	35		1	9	75		10				7		1	
	Total			1927	52	18078	12122	8252	595	220	167	542	308	248	27	144	88	263	310	722	3527	2863	53	935	7881	183	989	10	53	471	1155	17	83	271
	Total			1926	55	17260	11626	8174	604	278	169	480	298	226	27	88	100	217	547	802	4869	2871	57	991	7845	366	1197	4	9	96	1089	18	98	268
• New Congregations		Increase				818	496	78			7	62	10	22		56		46							36			6	44	375	66			3
† No Report		Decrease			3				9	58							12		237	80	1342	8	4	56		183	214					1	15	

Index Number	PAROCHIAL						FINANCIAL																								
	Church Societies						Valuation of Church Property							Congregational Exp.			Congregational Benevolences											Summary			
																	Apportioned			Unapportioned											
	Men's		Women's		Young People																										
	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish House	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Other Benevolences	Total Unapportioned			Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures			
28			1	40			4000					4000																				
29			1	40	1	30	4000					4000																				
30			2	62			4000	2000				6000		1124		1124	205		98				15		15			220	1344			
31			1	19			3000					3000		512		512	104											104	616			
32			2	52	2	55	30000	7000				37300	2100	3230	696	3926	200		600	80	243	39		77	439			639	4565			
33			1	45	2	52	8000	4000				12000		2611		2611				309	143		67	572	1091			1851	4462			
34			1	31	1	9	6000	5000				11000	1400	1065	470	1535	348		50	100			10		110			458	1993			
35			1	18	1	14	4000					4000		770		770	437			10			15		25			462	1232			
36							3000	2000				5000		300	100	400	168	29		20	30				50			218	618			
37			2	46	2	48	25000					25000	10000	1961	691	2652	457			108	12		28	43	191			648	3300			
38			1	25			3000					3000																				
39							2000					2000	250																			
40			2	30	1	12	2000	3000				5000		1892		1892	190		208									190	2082			
41			2	30			3000	2500		1100		6600		1369	620	1989	134			50	5	8	31	14	108			242	2231			
42			1	22	2	48	16300	3900				20200		2084	630	2714	274	25		15	10		15	118	158			432	3146			
43			1	19	2	36	21000	2900		500		24400		1480	228	1708	596		125	162	15		13	210	400			996	2704			
44			2	43	2	44	5000					5000		1083	131	1214	282		298	125	35		58	52	270			552	1766			
45							1200					1200	150	96		96	40		92									40	136			
46							10000	3000				1300	603																			
47							4000					4000																				
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REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY

Accurate statistics are of utmost importance to the progress of a Church. A broad grasp of facts is essential in the Church as well as in civil and industrial life. Church statistics show the progress of the Gospel in the numbers brought under the influence of the cross as well as the means used for the extension of God's kingdom.

The work of the year has been done as required by Synod. Report blanks were sent out and gathered in. All data have been careful tabulated and summerized and is now posted for your observation.

Out of 54 blanks sent out forty-five were returned and only 21 of these were in the hands of the Statistical Secretary when his report should have been closed. Only one vacant congregation sent in a report. Twenty-seven reports were correct, eighteen needed to be corrected. The common mistake among all was in adding the totals. Eight pastors included cents. This indicates they did not read instructions carefully before making out their reports.

The reports show an increase of 818 baptized, 496 confirmed and 78 communing members. In view of the fact that a goal for an increase of ten per cent was set for communing members, we are sorry to report there has been less than one per cent increase. Fourteen Churches reported a loss, eleven stood still, ten reported an increase of less than five per cent, one less than ten per cent and fifteen went over the top by reporting more than a ten per cent increase. Only thirty-six members have been added to our Church School enrollment. There is an increase of six week-day schools, 44 teachers and 375 scholars. Church property increased in value $21,278 with a decrease in indebtedness of $28,665. There is a decrease of $19,692 in total expenditures.

Are we growing? A few facts comparing the congregations with ten years ago will be of interest to all.

	1917	1927
Communicant Members	5,856	8,252
Enrolled in Church Schools	5,493	7,881
Valuation of Church Schools	$692,050	$1,528,772
Total Expenditures	111,748	243,431
Average Contribution per Communicant	$19,74	$28.27

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. HERSHEY, Statistical Secretary.

Rev. E. C. Mortensen was re-elected Recording Secretary.

The Historian, Rev. R. A. White, read his report and it was adopted.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

Your Historian reports the following:

1. The clerical roll is complete to date. During the year there were six accessions, two dismissals, and one demitted the ministry, making a loss of three and a net gain of three. There are 49 now on the roll. Since the Synod was organized in 1871, 357 have been received.

2. The four typewritten copies of the early history of Tabitha Home reported last year, have been distributed as directed by the Synod, namely: one was given to the Secretary of the Synod for the Protocol, one to Tabitha Home, one to the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church, and one kept by the Historian.

3. Much help was given to Rev. Paul C. White, who wrote a thesis on the history of Sunday School work of the two Nebraska Synods of the United Lutheran Church. This document will prove to be of historical value on a subject about which little is known.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE, Historian.

Dr. Jos. H. Miller was re-elected Treasurer of Synod.

Dr. O. D. Baltzly read the report of the Committee of Adjudication. Adopted.

REPORT OF ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

Your committee is happy to report again this year that our relations with other bodies and internal affairs have been so amicable that no matter has been referred to the Adjudication Committee.

Signed,

OLIVER, D. BALTZLY, Chairman.

The Necrologist, Rev. R. A. White, gave his report. Adopted.

REPORT OF NECROLOGIST

Your Necrologist is happy to report that our clerical roll has not been depleted by deaths in the last year, neither has any death occurred in any of our families.

Mrs. Emma L. Koser, widow of the late Rev. J. Alfred Koser, died at Nebraska City on Friday morning, April 13, 1928. Rev. Koser was pastor of First Lutheran Church at Nebraska City from 1901 to 1913. He died July 5, 1924. Mrs. Koser was the daughter of Rev and Mrs. J. A. Hoffheims of Abbottstown, Pa., and was born July 3, 1850. Sister Koser's early life was spent in Gettysburg, Pa., where she had the privilege of hearing the dedication address of Abraham Lincoln.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE, Necrologist.

Rev. J. C. Hershey was re-elected Statistician of Synod.

Rev. R. A. White was re-elected Historian and Necrologist of Synod.

The report of the Committee on the Constitution was read by Dr. G. B. Weaver. Adopted.

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Constitution reports progress, and beg leave for further time so as to enable them to complete the entire revision of the Constitution so that the same may be considered by the conference at their autumn meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVER, Chairman,
H. FISHER,
LUTHER M. KUHNS.

Dr. O. D. Baltzly was elected to fill a three-year term on the Executive Committee of Synod.

Synod adjourned. Rev. W. A. Klink led in prayer.

TUESDAY EVENING

The President of Synod preached the Synodical Sermon from the text John 20:13. The liturgical service was conducted by Rev. Fred Wiegman, pastor loci, assisted by Rev. K. de Freese. The men's sextet from the South Platte Conference sang.

The President of Synod appointed the following committees:

President's Report—Rev. Geo. E. Mortensen, Dr. G. K. Rubrecht, Mr. Harry Fisher, Mr. Albert Hedelund, Rev. W. C. Heidenreich.

Conference Minutes and Reports—Rev. K. de Freese, Rev. H. C. Cordts, Rev. J. C. Miller, Mr. Ernest Enke, Mr. William Stuff.

Leave of Absence—Rev. W. H. Saas, Rev. Fred Wiegman, Mr. B. F. Jorn.

Letters and Papers—Rev. G. P. Kabele, Rev. C. P. Karriker, Rev. M. J. Harder.

Resolutions—Rev. Henry Dumler, Mr. W. G. Bell, Rev. T. D. Rinde, Rev. W. A. Voss.

Apportionment—Dr. Jos. H. Miller, Rev. J. C. Hershey, Mr. M. J. Hedelund, Mr. E. T. Tramp.

New Congregation—Rev. W. A. Klink, Dr. J. A. Lowe, Mr. H. J. Snyder, Mr. John Sierk.

Speakers and Chaplain—Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D., Rev. C. H. Kemper, Mr. L. J. Saylor.

Organist—Rev. E. A. Vosseler.

Chorister—Rev. J. L. Sawyer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Synod Chaplain, Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., led the devotional service at 8:45.

Synod's business session was opened with prayer by Dr. G. K. Rubrecht.

The roll was called.

The Minutes were read and adopted as corrected.

A report was given by the Committee on Reference and Counsel. Adopted.

The President of Synod added several items to his report, and the same were referred to the Committee on the President's Report.

Moved, seconded and carried that Synod accept the invitation of the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce to visit Arbor Lodge.

Moved, seconded and carried that Student Mr. Steinhoff be given the privileges of the floor of Synod.

Rev. E. C. Mortensen, Secretary of Synod, read the report of the Executive Committee of Synod. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of Synod held three meetings. One at Omaha at which all the standing committees were appointed as they appear in the printed Minutes. Another meeting was held at the home of President W. I. Guss at Omaha. The third meeting was held at Nebraska City.

Legal steps were taken by the committee by which the property of the disbanded church at York, Nebraska, was deeded over to the First United Evangelical Lutheran Church of York, Nebraska, in accordance with the instructions of Synod. (See President's Report of the last Minutes of Synod and also the the report of the Committee on New Congregations and Pastoral Charges).

The President of Synod reports that the Rev. Edwin H. Kreutz has demitted the ministry, and a certified copy of this statement has been filed with the Secretary of Synod.

The Executive Committee requested that the following resolution be included in the Recommendations of the President of Synod to be acted upon immediately after the reading of the President's Report:

(See Recommendations in President's Report).

The President reports that he, at the request of the Board of American Missions, has sold the church property of the Lutheran Church at Oakland, Nebraska, and after deducting all expenses the balance, $2,013.06, was sent to the Board of American Missions with the request that the same be held for use in mission work in Nebraska, which request was granted.

At the coming convention of the United Lutheran Church of America at Erie, Pa., a Daily Lutheran is again to be published at 50c per subscription. We recommend that the chairman of our delegations be authorized to subscribe for the Daily Lutheran for each clerical member of the Synod, and that an order be drawn on the Synodical Treasury for the payment of the same.

One of our brethren of the Synod has reached the quarter century of service in the Gospel Ministry, Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., and we recommend that suitable recognition of this honorable service be made at this session of Synod, and that a committee of three be appointed to arrange for the same.

Two members of our Synod have been enrolled among the list of authors—Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D., D.D., LL. D., the author of "Catechetical Evangelism," and Rev. Paul C. White, the author of "A History of the Sunday Schools of the Nebraska Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America." We recommend that suitable recognition of this be made by the Committee on Resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read by Rev. K. de Freese. Adopted.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Your committee wishes to report that we held a meeting at Fremont, September 15, 1927, at which time all applicants were met individually. These meetings are necessary and helpful. At least one such meeting is to be held each year.

The following six applicants received aid during the last school year:

Herbert, Diechen, Senior College	$200.00
Louis Wietzenkamp, Sophomore College	100.00
Hugh Dowler, Middler Seminary	150.00
Harry F. Coder, Junior College	200.00
Werner Jessen, Freshman College	200.00
Thorwald Hildebrandt, Senior College and Junior Seminary	200.00

These young men have done their work well and deserve our commendation.

We wish to recommend:

1. That as far as possible all applicants desiring aid from Synod return their applications to the committee not later than one month before the opening of the college.

2. That it shall be the future policy of the Evangelical Synod of Nebraska, that when a ministerial candidate, who has received financial aid from the funds of this Synod, accepts a call to a parish of another Synod, then he shall return to this Synod for ordination (unless he shall be excused from doing so by the Ministerial Education Committee). When required to return from another Synod, his necessary traveling expenses shall be paid from the funds of the Ministerial Education Committee.

3. That the Ministerial Education Fund be granted $1,500.00 by the Apportionment Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

K. DE FREESE, Chairman.

Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D., read the report of the Committee on Missions. Adopted. The Auditor's report on same was also read and adopted.

REPORT OF MISSION COMMITTEE

The committee has held four meetings. The officers for the past year are:

President—Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D.

Secretary and Missionary Superintendent—Rev. W. I. Guss.

Treasurer—Mr. O. E. Schellberg.

The following missions have been under the care of the committee:

SYDNEY, TRINITY—Organized 1886, Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., pastor. This Congregation and

GURLEY, GRACE—Organized 1916, form a parish. Dr. Kahse has been an untiring and efficient pastor, and the parish has made splendid progress. The success of the pastor is evidenced by the gains in accessions, attendance and finances. The Church at Potter is also served by Dr. Kahse as Supply Pastor.

All of these three Congregations raised much more than the quota that was assigned for ministerial pensions.

OMAHA, (BENSON), FIRST—Organized 1907. Rev. G. B. Weaver, pastor. This Congregation became Self-Supporting January 1, 1928. The Twentieth Anniversary was fittingly observed in June, 1927, when $1,000 was raised, which paid off all debts, save $1,200 mortgage that is owed to the Board of American Missions. The Congregational work has been making a commendable growth in membership and finances. The Church School has exceeded all former records. This Congregation has passed through some dark days and severe ecclesiastical storms, but we trust that in the future the Church may continue to bask in the sunshine of God's favor. To pastor and people, we say "Congratulations" and may God bless you and may you be a great blessing to many others.

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, FIRST—Rev. George E. Mortensen, the pastor, has continued to do a good work in this Mission. He also supplies the Churches at Homer and Hubbard. Trinity Congregation reached both goals set by Synod at the last convention. There were thirty (30) adult accessions with a net gain of fifteen (15) members. The present communing membership is one hundred ten (110), and that of the confirmed is one hundred twenty-six (126). The Synodical Apportionment for Benevolence has been paid in full and $191 was paid on un-apportioned Benevolence. Seventeen hundred dollars ($1,700) is on hand, bearing interest, to be paid on the debt.

There was a reduction made in the amount asked from the board.

LINCOLN, ST. JAMES—Organized 1924. Rev. E. H. Kreutz resigned as pastor of this mission to take effect March 1, 1928. The ecclesiastical barometer of this Congregation has registered cloudy and, at times, stormy weather. Rev. Ralph E. Rangeler has been called to this parish and will take charge of the field June 1, 1928. In connection with this mission, the pastor will also serve the Walton-Eagle parsh. He will reside in Lincoln. By this arrangement, we will save $700 for the board, and the future augurs better days. The Mission Committee continues to pay the interest on the first mortgage, and recently loaned the Church $248.

YORK, FIRST UNITED—Organized 1927. Rev. J L. Sawyer is the pastor. There was a reduction of 50% from the appropriation of the board. Three hundred ninety-six dollars ($396) was paid on the Church debt and more contemplated soon. There was a 15% gain in member-

ship. The Church School has increased in attendance. "The financial condition of the Congregation is good. . . . Everything bespeaks progress," so writes Pastor Sawyer, whose optimism and consecrated enthusiasm are an inspiration to his people. Pastor Sawyer continues to serve the McCool Junction parish in connection with York.

STELLA, TRINITY—Organized 1886. Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger, pastor. The temporary aid that was given this Congregation from the funds of the Mission Committee was discontinued November, 1927. Pastor Schwerdtfeger is still on the field. The future of the Congregation is uncertain.

WILBER, FIRST—Organized 1889. Rev. H C Cordts is the pastor. The Mission Committee is giving temporary aid toward the salary. There has been a gain of over twenty per cent (20%) in the membership and the Synodical Benevolence was paid in full. Synod's goals were more than reached. The Church and School attendance has increased and the finances of the Church are better. The pastor had two invitations to go to other pastorates, but he desires to stay in this parish, even though the financial remuneration would have been much better elsewhere.

NEW WORK. A survey of the Dundee section of Omaha was made in September, 1927, by the assistance of several pastors and some inter-September, 1927, by the assistance of several pastors and some interested women.

Services have been conducted every other Sunday at Spencer, Nebraska and Bonesteel, South Dakota, since March 11th. Interested folks in both places desire to have a Lutheran Church.

In company with Dr. Kahse, we canvassed the community in and around Dalton, Nebraska. In one day we secured the names of twenty (20) families, who are interested in organizing a Congregation.

Recommendation

That the same amount of Synodical Apportionment, 1.5% be given the Mission Committee, as last year.

Attached hereto is the Auditor's Report of the Mission Committee's Records.

Respectfully submitted,

W. I. GUSS, Secretary.

Omaha, Nebraska, May 13, 1928.

This is to certify that we have this day audited the books of the Synodical Missions and Church Extension Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, and find them to be correct.

Balance on hand as per Treasurer's Book	$ 165.54
Warrant No. 722 outstanding	25.00
Warrant No. 725 outstanding	25.00
On deposit, U. S. National Bank, Omaha	215.54
On savings deposit, State Bank of Omaha at 3%	1,500.00

We can find no specific authorization in the Secretary's Minutes for warrant No. 702 for $36.37 to Rev. W. I. Guss for expenses in connection with the Dundee canvass although there is a motion that the secretary can draw any amount up to $100.00 for the development of any new work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. FISCHER,
MARGARET R. FISCHER.

Mr. H. Fischer was elected to the two-year term on the Executive Committee of Synod.

The Inner Mission Committee report was given by Rev. W. A. Klink. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON INNER MISSIONS

Nothing has come before your committee demanding its attention. We refer the Synod to the reports of the two Inner Mission Institutions—Tabitha Home and the Luther League Hospice—as presented by the representatives of these institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. KLINK, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Church Schools was read by Rev. R. E. Rangeler. Adopted. Dr. C. H. B. Lewis was heard in behalf of this work.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SCHOOLS

The Statistician reports the following figures for the Church Schools of the Nebraska Synod.

Number of Church Schools—54, a decrease of 4.

Officers and Teachers—935, a decrease of 56.

Pupils—7,881, an increase of 36.

Week-day Schools reported—10, an increase of 4.

53 teachers and 471 pupils are working in, and attending these Week-day Schools.

1,155 persons are reported under Catechetical instructions in the Congregations.

We would again call your attention to the splendid work being done by Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, the "Church School Man" in this territory.

Recommendations: That Dr. Lewis be heard in the interests of the Parish and Church School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. RANGELER.

Moved, seconded and carried that hereafter Synod refer all questions of the anniversary observance of entrance into the ministry, whether reckoned from licensure or ordination, to the Committee on the Constitution.

Rev. L. Ries read the report of the Committee on Church Architecture. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

Your committee did not meet, rendered no service, and therefore has nothing to report to Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
LAURITZ RIES, Chairman.

The Report of the Trustees of Midland College was read by Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., and action was deferred on the report until Synod should hear Dr. H. F. Martin.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

The report for Midland College this year is very similar to that of last year. There were some changes in the faculty, as is likely to be true in an institution requiring as many teachers as Midland does. Every effort is made to have the best instructors possible. There has been peace and harmony in the faculty.

The enrollment has been a little below that of last year. That seems to be the condition in all the colleges of this state. Owing to business conditions some parents deemed some commercial item of more importance than a college education for their children.

For a more detailed statement concerning the faculty and attendance, get a catalogue of the College and read it carefully. The new catalogue is just out and each one of you should have a copy and often refer to it.

No doubt you are all interested very much in the financial condition of the College. No improvement has been made in the last year. Efforts have been made to make the income equal to the expenses, but so far success has not been achieved. A year ago the Lutheran Brotherhood of Nebraska took action to try to raise $10,000.00 for Midland College and thus help to overcome any deficit for the year. But very little has been accomplished. Many of those who made pledges for Midland College in the financial campaigns of a few years ago have been negligent in the payment of the same. When they are urged to pay their pledges, they try to get out of paying them. They acknowledge the pledge but try to leave the impression that they are not to be held responsible for its payment. This is a very sad commentary that so many people make a pledge in good faith and then try to evade payment of the same.

The Board of Trustees appointed a business committee to consider the budget of 1927 and 1928 with the President, Dr. Martin, and make an effort to reduce the budget if possible. That was done but the committee could not make any further reduction as the trimming had been done when the budget was made.

The Board of Trustees also made an effort to get some financial aid from the Board of American Missions, but to no avail.

At the meeting of the board last December this recommendation from the joint report of the President and the Executive Committee was adopted: "That the Board of Trustees of Midland College request the supporting Synods to increase their apportionment for ministerial aid to such an amount that they shall pay into the College treasury an amount equal to one-half the tuition of all students residing in the territory of supporting Synods who are candidates for the ministry, and who are not the sons of pastors or of members of the Midland faculty." This recommendation needs the attention of Synod for its action.

Another recommendation that was passed at that same meeting was the following: "That the Board of Trustees of Midland College request supporting Synods to take action relative to the nation-wide educational campaign, pledging their hearty support to the plans adopted by the Board of Education and the institutions on their territory." This too, needs the attention and action of Synod.

The Girls' Dormitory has made a splendid home for the young ladies attending the College. This building is not yet paid for. Wherever you can find any money for it, gather it up and send it to the College. By having this building the College now has a Boys' Dormitory to care for the young men. This is a step in the right direction. Dormitory life helps to instill the right College spirit in the students. The new dining hall in the gymnasium has been used this last year and it is proving quite satisfactory. In making such a change from the old to the new it requires some time for everything to be adjusted.

The Conference of Pastors and Students was held again this year. Excellent addresses, splendid discussions and a fine spirit of comradeship prevailed. All who are able to attend believe that these conferences are a mighty good thing.

The spring musical festival was omitted this year. There did not seem to be sufficient interest to carry out such a big undertaking.

The musical clubs, the athletic and debating teams have all done good work. They have held up the good reputation of the College. Although no great honors were achieved, yet a good record was made.

Midland College is entitled to the prayers, interest and gifts of our people of our Synod. It is not strange that appeals are made for this educational institution. If it is strange, then it is just as strange that each congregation must make appeals to its members for more efficient work. Our united efforts will cause our College to go forward to finer and better things. That will mean a continued growth of our Church in this territory, and young men and young women will be trained for Christian service, and our Congregations will get the benefit of that training.

Recommendations.

1. That we pledge anew our prayers, our efforts, and our finances to assist Dr. Martin in building up a greater institution in Midland College.

2. That Midland College be placed upon the Synodical apportionment of the Nebraska Synod to the amount of $1.00 per capita on the same basis as other benevolent objects in order to help the College meet its budget for 1929.

Respectfully submitted,

THE TRUSTEES.

Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, spoke in behalf of the Foreign Missions cause.

Rev. Paul C. White was heard for five minutes. He presented to Synod his manuscript entitled, "A History of the Sunday Schools of the Nebraska Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America, and the President of Synod responded in acceptance of the same.

Moved, seconded and carried to reconvene Synod at 1:30 p. m.

Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, D. D., was elected a member of the Midland Board of Trustees.

Moved, seconded and carried that Synod adjourn and meet in executive session.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Synod opened with prayer by Dr. G. N. Mendenhall.

Roll was called.

The Minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Midland Assembly was given by Rev. A. O. Frank. Adopted.

MIDLAND ASSEMBLY REPORT

The Midland Assembly for Church Workers, the school of the Synod for the training of lay leaders and workers in all branches of church work, was held in Fremont, Nebraska, June 20-24, 1927.

Ninety-four delegates and visitors registered for the assembly work, and many others attended one or more sessions but did not register.

The Assembly was financed through the contributions from the Church organizations of Synod and the registration fees of the Assembly. The Assembly is in excellent condition financially. All funds are deposited in the Fremont State Bank and an accurate record is kept by the Assembly of all contributions made. The officers have tried to keep expenditures down to a minimum, but have not spared expense in bringing the best talent available to the Assembly.

The faculty and speakers last year were: Mrs. H. C. Bell, Field Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society; A. J. Traver, General Secretary of the Luther League of America; George Ringcliff, Associate Secretary of the Laymen's Movement; J. A. White, formerly Dean of Midland College, Fremont; C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., Western Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board; W. F. Rangeler, D. D., Professor in the Western Theological Seminary, Fremont; H. D. Hoover, D. D., Ph. D., S. T. D., Professor in Gettysburg Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa.

Mrs. O. L. Sturtevant of Lincoln, was in charge of the Junior Assembly and L. H. Steinhoff of Tekamah in charge of recreation.

Officers elected for the year were: President, A. O. Frank, Auburn; Secretary, Mrs. George H. Haase, Emerson; Treasurer, Mrs. G. E. Hickman, Fremont.

Standing Committees appointed were: Program: W. I. Guss, D. D., chairman; C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., and H. F. Martin, Ph. D., D. D. Publicity Committee: Members of the Executive Committee. Finance: Mrs. G. E. Hickman.

The time for the next Assembly will be July 31 to August 5, 1928, at Fremont, Nebraska.

Recommendations

1. That we pledge anew our prayers, our efforts and our finances to the Midland Assembly in building up a greater school for the training of lay leaders.

2. That an issue of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran be made a Midland Assembly edition.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. FRANK.

Mr. E. T. Tramp was elected a lay member on the Midland Board of Trustees.

Dr. H. F. Martin spoke at length on Midland College.

The following special resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska with the Kansas and Rocky Mountain Synods and the Board of Trustees of Midland College memorialize the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America for an annual appropriation of $20,000.00 for the support of Midland College until such time as Midland College, which is peculiarly a child of the Board of Education, is more able to support itself. And that the President of the Nebraska Synod be authorized to attend the next meeting of the Board of Education to present the above proposition jointly with representatives from the Kansas and Rocky Mountain Synods and from the Board of Trustees of Midland College.

Moved, seconded and carried that Synod request Dr. H. F. Martin, President of Midland College, to accompany the Presidents of the Synods in special resolution, and that Synod pay his expenses pro rata with the other Synods.

Moved and carried that in the event that the delegates (to wit, the Presidents of the Synods as well as Dr. H. F. Martin) shall fail to accomplish the purpose of the memorialists or fail to get a hearing before the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America, then the memorialists be requested to carry the same to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America at Erie, Pa., to secure positive action there in the interest of our western institution.

Moved and carried that Synod assume through the Ministerial Education fund the one-half customary reduction in tuition that Midland College makes to ministerial students of the Nebraska Synod, and that the students give notes to Synod for the same.

Moved and carried that Synod continue its session until call is heard for supper.

Moved and carried that Synod place Midland College on the Synodical apportionment of the Nebraska Synod to the amount of $1.00 per capita on the same basis as other benevolent objects, in order to help the College meet its budget for 1929.

Mr. J. H. Humpe read the report from Tabitha Home. Adopted. Rev. E. Walter also heard for the Home.

TABITHA HOME

Annual Report of 1927

1927 was a year of special divine grace and blessing for Tabitha. We did more work than ever before and the support by the church was also more generous than in former years.

The Orphanage, Nazareth, gave shelter and care to 81 children, 42 boys and 39 girls; admitted 17; dismissed 13; sixty-eight in Nazareth December 31, 1927; at the present time sixty-seven. A great privilege has been experienced in the orphanage during the past 21 years—it has no death record though it has had a generous share of sickness among the children. Several of the children had to be transferred to the hospital during the year for special work and treatment.

Tabitha, the Main Building, housing the aged and helpless, sheltered a large family of 69 men and women. In the Home December 31, 1927—33 men, 26 women; five passed away; two were dismissed and two had to be transferred to the state hospital. Some of the most helpless ones who had been sufferers forsev eral years died during the past four months. At the present time we have 68 in the home. A separate fireproof building for the helpless and a chapel for our family of 150 souls are among our pressing needs.

Receipts and Disbursements.

Both are greater than in any previous report. Expenses for equipment, improvements and repairs amount to $14,897.49. For general maintenance support, $33,693.14. Installment of city water, city gas, city sewerage and a modern cooling system are the main items of this account.

The Nebraska Synod contributed $1,415.74, about $1,000.00 worth of shoes, new clothing and linen, and several hundred dollars worth of fruit and groceries.

This generous support is greatly appreciated. Tabitha Home in return is giving shelter and care to seven aged and twenty-four children, a total of 31 from the Nebraska Synod.

With hearty thanks to the Pastors and Congregations for their most generous support in the past years, also soliciting the co-operation of the Synod in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HUMPE, President.

TABITHA HOME

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Year Ended December 31, 1927.

Receipts

Operating Receipts or Earnings:		
Aged Department	$20,520 81	
Orphanage	3,901.22	
Sale of Livestock	110.00	
Shoes and Clothing	11.45	
Messenger Income	8.20	
Brooms Income	96.55	
Miscellaneous Income	67.03	$24,715.26
Income From Investments:		
Interest	$ 264.23	
Rents	165.95	
Sale of Bonds	1,560.00	$ 1,990.18
Appropriations:		
United Lutheran Church	$ 8,840.00	
District Synods	5,528.76	$14,368.76
Voluntary Contributions:		
Donations	$ 6,262.92	
Bequests	1,920.00	$ 8,182.92
Community Chest		$ 500.00
Refunds on Expenses:		
Hospital	$ 10.00	
Water	5.68	
Food	26.33	
Printing	70.00	
Auto Expense	7.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	18.45	
Freight and Express	10.42	$ 147.88
		$49,905.00

Disbursements

Administrative:

Salaries	$12,881.90	
Office Supplies	50.06	
Postage	326.51	
Printing	578.91	
Publicity, Pictures	44.50	
Telephone and Telegraph	201.23	
Auto Expense	587.65	
Auditing	295.00	
Traveling Expense	405.00	
Association Fee	20.00	
Miscellaneous	475.05	
Bad Checks	10.00	
Legal Fees	177.38	
Gifts, Christmas	277.00	$16,280.19

Render Service:

Veterinarian	$ 8.50	
Hospital and Drugs	1,247.79	
Food and Ice	7,539.47	
Feed	936.65	
Livestock	500.00	
House Supplies	359.51	
Laundry	$ 1,514.87	$12,106.79

Fixed Charges for Plant Operations:

Fuel	$ 2,807.74	
Heat, Light and Power	928.59	
Equipment and Building Repairs	8,669.36	
Hardware Supplies	205.86	
Garden Supplies	7.56	
Insurance	50.00	
Interest	30.00	
Rent	150.00	
Taxes	173.12	$13,022.23

Service and Relief:

Shoes and Clothing	$ 650.21	
Funeral Expenses	303.08	$ 953.29

Capital Expenditures:

New Building Furniture	$ 593.50	
Equipment and Improvement	3,275.60	
Auto Purchased	322.90	
Furniture	255.37	
Farm Machinery	150.00	
Musical Instruments	154.12	
Liberty Bonds, Included in Receipts	100.00	
Notes Receivable, Included in Receipts	250.00	
Wuest Estate Costs Advanced	610.00	
Advanced on Mortgage	516.64	$ 6,228.13

Refunds of Receipts:

Aged Department	$ 50.00	
Donations	76.00	$ 126.00
		$48,716.63
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements		$ 1,188.37
Cash on Hand January 1, 1927		880.86
		$ 2,069.23
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Receipts From the District Synods

	From Treas	Individual	
German Nebraska Synod	$ 1,660.11	$1,212.05	$2,872.16
English Nebraska	887.70	528.04	1,415.74
Kansas	851.60	351.60	1,203.20
Iowa	355.85	174.13	529.98
California	83.70		
Rocky Mountain	168.62	41.00	209.62
East Pennsylvania	1,328.64		
Synod of the Northwest	59.75		
Wartburg Synod	126.03		
Texas	4.76		
	$5,526.76		

A tentative report was given for the Committee on Apportionment by Dr. Jos. H. Miller. Motion made and carried that the Committee on Apportionment apportion on the basis of $6.25 per communing member.

The following is the list of delegates elected for the United Lutheran Church Convention at Erie, Pa., in the order of the number of votes cast for each:

Clerical (Primary)—Rev. Wm. I. Guss, D. D.; Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D., D. D., LL. D.; Rev. H. F. Martin, Ph. D., D. D.; Rev. O. W. Ebright; Rev. J. C. Hershey. (Alternate)—Rev. R. E. Rangeler, Rev. H. A. Anspach, Rev. H. C. Cordts, Rev. A. O. Frank, Rev. W. A. Klink.

Lay (Primary)—Mr. E. T. Tramp, Mr. H. Corbet, M. D., Mr. Karl E. Vogel, Mr. Jos. H Miller, M. D., Mr. Arthur Sudman. (Alternate)—Mr. Otto Nelson, Mr. H. Peterson, Mr. W. Meyers, Mr. Fred Voss, Mr. F. Kahrs.

Moved and seconded that the Committee on Apportionment draft its report and submit the same to the Executive Committee for approval.

Mr. M. J. Hedelund read the report from the Lutheran Brotherhood. Adopted.

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

In accordance with the action of Synod which authorized a total budget of $51,591.00 to cover all specified objects, the committee has made the apportionment as follows:

The United Lutheran Church	57.42%
Synodical Treasury	11.47%
Ministerial Education	3.20%
Synodical Missionary Fund	3.20%
Tabitha Home	2.54%
Midland College	17.56%
Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont	1.93%
Synodical Paper	1.56%
Seminary Contingent Fund	1.12%
Total	100.00%

Upon this basis with a communing membership of 8,254 as reported by the statistician, the following schedule is submitted:

Allen	$ 513	North Platte	2,294
Auburn	1,125	Omaha, First	906
Beatrice	625	Omaha, Grace	781
Benedict, Bethel	144	Omaha, K. M.	14,225
Benedict, Zion	513	Omaha, Redeemer	1,150
Dakota, Emmanuel	100	Omaha, St. Luke's	1,769

Dakota, Salem	575	Omaha, St. Mark's	1,075
Davenport	838	Oshkosh	188
Eagle	81	Paxton	644
Emerson	950	Ponca	906
Ericson	131	Potter	188
Falls City	625	Rising City	819
Fremont	1,894	Sidney	525
Gurley	563	South Sioux City	463
Grand Island	2,719	Stamford	506
Hampton	613	Stella	125
Hardy	394	Sutherland	94
Hildreth	438	Tekamah	331
Hooper	881	Verdon	738
Homer	238	Walton	556
Hubbard	94	Wayne	1,525
Leigh	809	West Point	2,469
Lewellen	244	Wilber	325
Lincoln, Grace	1,800	Wolbach	669
Lincoln, St. James	188	York	281
McCool Junction	350		
Nebraska City	594		$51,591

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. MILLER, Chairman.

Rev. K. de Freese read the report of the Committee on Conference Minutes and Reports. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE MINUTES AND REPORTS

Your committee has examined the Minutes of the meetings of the North Platte, South Platte and Western Conference and find that they held profitable sessions during the year.

Since the question concerning the boundaries of these conferences has been raised, we would recommend that the map indicating these boundaries be published in the printed Minutes of Synod this year.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. K. DE FREESE, Chairman.

The Ministerial Pensions and Relief Committee reported through its chairman, Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D. Adopted as amended.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF.

It is with a feeling of profound gratitude to God that your committee is able to bring a most encouraging report. A year ago we came with plans and preparations for the inauguration of the Campaign of Ministerial Pensions and Relief. Not only has substantial progress been made, but we are happy to inform you that the Campaign found a magnificent response throughout the entire Nebraska Synod. There never was so great a challenge presented in which a more united action was evidenced than in this Campaign.

The Church had set its $4,000,000.00 goal in order to meet the urgent need to give more adequate support to those servants of the Church, who, because of infirmity and age, had become dependent to the Church for needed support.

The plan that each Synod assume its quota was adopted. The amount asked from our Synod was $49,410.00. The proposal that each congregation be assigned its quota received general approval. According to the latest report from 48 congregations the total of $54,756.70 has been secured in pledges. Thirty congregations secured their full quota, and a number of these far exceeded the same. The honor of the highest average amount subscribed per capita goes to Immanuel Congregation, Tekamah. Four (4) congregations failed to report anything.

It was a notable victory when the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief could announce that the entire amount of $4,090,000 had been subscribed. No greater tribute to the loyalty and generosity of our people could be given. Our Nebraska Synod had its part in this great undertaking and through the loyal support of the pastors and the laymen and the membership of our Churches have brought this Campaign to a most happy conclusion. To all our most grateful appreciation and to our God who has so signally honored our undertaking and crowned it with success, be our sincere gratitude and praise.

Herewith is attached a report of all Congregations, giving quotas and amounts subscribed.

Your committee offers the following recommendations:

1. That those Congregations which have failed to complete their canvass do so without further delay, and that their report be sent to the Synodical President and the Synodical Chairman of this committee.

2. That the responsibility of the care of the pledges in each Church be entrusted to the Congregational Chairman of this Campaign and that he see to it that these pledges be collected at the proper time and the money be remitted to the Synodical Treasurer.

Rspectfully submitted,

W. T. KAHSE, Chairman.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA REPORT OF CONGREGATIONAL PENSION CAMPAIGN QUOTAS AND AMOUNTS SUBSCRIBED

Congregation	Assigned Quotas	Amount Subscribed
Allen ..	$ 868.00	$ 970.00
Auburn ..	1,057.00	1,415.00
Beatrice ..	735.00	960.00
Benedict, Bethel	161.00	
Benedict, Zion	581.00	
Dakota, City, Salem	420.00	175.00
Dakota City, Immanuel	98.00	65.00
Davenport ..	777.00	813.00
Emerson ..	1,267.00	841.50
Fall City	700.00	254.00
Fremont ..	1,225.00	1,820.00
Grand Island	3,080.00	3,465.00
Hampton ..	462.00	465.00
Hardy ..	455.00	34.00
Hooper ..	896.00	900.00
Hubbard ..		54.00
Leigh ..	896.00	821.00
Lincoln, Grace	2,352.00	2,372.00
Lincoln, St. James	210.00	336.00
Nebraska City	616.00	368.00
North Platte	2,492.00	3,912.00
Omaha, First English	1,078.00	1,078.50
Omaha, Grace	1,400.00	242.20
Omaha, Kountze Mem. ..	15,883.00	14,100.00
Omaha, Redeemer	1,274.00	1,275.00
Omaha, St. Luke's	1,897.00	2,580.00
Omaha, St. Mark's	1,715.00	2,237.00
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Sidney	560.00	600.00
Potter	175.00	350.00
South Sioux City	490.00	258.00
Stamford	560.00	575.00
Stella	160.00	160.00
Tekamah	329.00	764.00
Verdon	980.00	980.00
Wolbach	644.00	794.00
Ericson	147.00	170.00
Walton	623.00	
Eagle	91.00	
Wayne	1,798.00	333.50
Wilber	301.00	325.00
West Point	2,695.00	2,700.00
York	280.00	450.00
McCool	350.00	449.00
Homer		65.00
Hildreth		135.00
U. L. C. Total Quota Assigned	$49,410.00	
Pledged		$54,756.70

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read by Rev. C. R. Lowe. Adopted as amended.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Brethren, your committee ask leave to report the following, although but one member of the committee is still in the Synod:

There is a lack of reports; 38% of the communing membership of the Synod is not reported.

22 Congregations report increasing attendance, last year 25 so reported. 15 report stationary, last year 12. Last year 1 reported decreasing attendance, this year none.

The average attendance at the morning service, 106; last year, 119; it seems some one should have reported a decrease in attendance. Evening service has an attendance of 51; last year it was 84. May be the

decrease would be accounted for if we had reports from all the Congregations.

The male membership averages 40.23%. Last year it was 44%.

The young people drift as usual. 29 Churches report they have the problem. All the pastors, save one have a remedy, and none of them seem to be making any success with their remedy. One of the most curious things we ever saw anywhere is this: One pastor reports 120 of the members of his Congregation attending other Sunday Schools, and yet reports he has no difficulty in keeping his young folks from drifting. The Synod ought to memorialize Elisha that he pray the Lord to open the servant's eyes that he may see.

We thank the Lord we are able at last to report some very encouraging things as to the family altar. Potter with 28 present at morning worship has 40% of its families with such an altar. Gurley with 90 present has 18% of its families following the practice. Sidney has 15% of its families; Rising City has 20%; Stella and Tekamah carry the banner with 50% of their families with the altar. We congratulate these congregations and their pastors.

One pastor reports he is not in a position to know how many practice this piety, and another asks, "How do I know?" If they were in a merchandising establishment he would know. A goodly number do not know and do not report even that.

Only three congregations use any German in their work, and one of them uses it but seldom.

Seven do not use the common service, last year there were eight. One expects to begin its use soon. One thinks it is too much form; one does not see any reason to change from what they have; one does not like it, and one does not want it. From the reports there is a lack of understanding as to the question asked, whether the question refers to the old hymnal or the new. Next Year's blank will leave no doubt as to this. Your committee cannot straighten this matter out.

Most of the pastors report communion four times a year, quarterly; three report but three seasons, and one twice. Fifteen report special preparatory service, twenty-one report none; three have them some times.

The festival days of the church are largely celebrated, and Lent is stressed by all.

Catechetical instructions practiced in all congregations, and all sorts of methods are used in the reception of members from other churches, the most of them make an effort at catchization of adults before admittance.

Lutheran Literature is in use in all but three Sunday Schools, the same as last year's report. Some Schools will just not move up.

All the pastors are active in the Sunday Schools, teaching, engineering or both, but one is Superintendent, one is doing the work of the Superintendent but has not the name of it. One pastor has his Catechism class during the School hour, which is a good practice if it does not interfere with the School organization too much.

There is a wide diversity of the percentages of the Sunday School scholars which stay for the Church services. Stamford and Potter report 100%; Verdon reports 98%; one reports but 15%; one reports a combined service. We would like to know how it works. Its success or failure depends on the local spirit of the Church, most likely.

Seven report all councilmen in the Sunday School. Enough councilmen are in 2 schools to be all of them, but we cannot tell for sure. Nine report no councilmen at all. One interesting thing is that the Churches which grade high in some things are short in others, here in this for instance.

On the average, a trifle less than three have been received into the Churches from the Sunday School by baptism. From the answers it is doubtful if some of the pastors know what is wanted by the question.

An average of 7 2/3 were received from the confirmation from the Sunday Schools. Nine Churches report none received.

Five reports show no scholars which are not children in our Church homes. The high percentage goes to Wilber, 70%. The Church of the Redeemer has 62%, South Sioux City and St. Mark's Omaha report 50%, Davenport 52%, Benson 45%, and Emerson 40%, of their school from families outside of the Church.

Twenty-eight are reported in Christian service from the Churches. One Church reports 6, and the committee remembers when they reported 17 at one time., and we doubt the value of the above figures. There are no purely social organizations in the Synod, there are 10 brotherhoods with 267 members. Those who have brotherhoods think they are a successful organization, and some who have none think they are not successful, and one thinks they are a "successful dispersion."

As to finances, 17 report every member canvases, others report various methods and combinations of methods, and some are too indefinite to qualify as methods. Get some business sense into the Church management, brethren. For instance, one reports "Budget System" to raise money for the church, that is a method of expenditure, but there are several that report such. 28 Churches use the Duplex envelopes or their equivalent; 32 are on the budget system; 32 encourage tithing and there are 105 tithers. At Wilber all members contribute to the benevolence budget, Rising City has 98% of members contributing to the local expenses and 99% to the benevolences. York, Rising City, Hardy and

Davenport have more contributers to the benevolence than to the local expenses. Twelve Churches send quarterly statements to the members concerning their financial standing with the Church; one sends quarterly statements sometimes, and one sends a quarterly statement once in a while. The average salary is $1,580, which in some instances includes rent money paid to the pastor for his rent, which makes the figures of doubtful value, but the committee cannot rearrange things. Eight Churches pay for some or all of the pastor's supplies, two telephones are furnished, and one Church furnishes its pastor an "Old Lizzie." None report upkeep on the part of the pastor's own car, and most of them have one, apparently. A pastor ought to report his car expenses for the parish as part of his tithe. All salaries are paid promptly save one; that place use to do so. The men are very silent as to the reason why the benevolence quota is not raised, but only two make any reference to it. One says the Church is not sold on the idea, and the other man says there are too many 5-cent subscriptions among the members.

For property improvements see the President's report.

One Church has a budget for the Sunday School and to make a budget returning to the school just what the school turns in to the Church treasury. The records are in all sorts of condition. One pastor has a private record only and that in poor shape. There is but little provision made for the safe-keeping of the records, though a good number are in bank vaults, especially valuable papers. And for the most part they are in fair to good condition. Here again the reporters did not read the instructions nor the question, for a good number did not get the drift of the question. Many had the record book in mind rather than the safe-keeping of the records, and so the answers are of little value to this report. The Church property is insured for approximately 75% of the value, one church is insured for 100%, and the properties are in good general condition over the state.

There is no neighborhood Home Mission work reported, and Tabitha Home is the only beneficiary of the inner mission operations, though one Church reports help for the Lutheran Hospice, Omaha.

166 male and 315 female leaders are developing. One pastor asks, "What is a leader."

To the question, "Is the work getting more or less difficult?" almost half of the men report "Yes." I think it is too.

Such an answer means absolutely nothing, and if the men would read carefully, they would not make such a mistake, but that is the sort of information we have to make reports out of. Eleven report the work less difficult.

A new report blank will be out next year, but it is so like the one we already have that it is not necessary to make any recommendation as to it. We use the U. L. C. literature in all branches of the Synod. Your committee thinks it can read anything anyone else can, but some of the information given we simply had to pass up for it was absolutely illegible. Learn to write, brethren, learn to write, or buy a typewriter.

C. R. LOWE, Chairman.

Rev. O. W. Ebright read the report of the Committee on Evangelism. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

In accordance with a recommendation submitted by this committee and adopted by Synod at its last convention this committee conferred with the program committee of the North Platte, South Platte and Western Conferences; and also with Dr. C. J. Rockey, member of the United Lutheran Committee on Evangelism, and secured Dr. Rockey to speak at these conferences last October.

Dr. Rockey brought counsel, instruction and inspiration to lay delegates and pastors who attended the meetings of the conferences.

Your committee has heard no word whatsoever from the committee on evangelism of the United Lutheran Church since the last meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. EBRIGHT.

The Secretary of Young People's Societies, Rev. O. W. Ebright, read his report. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

The spirit of interest and co-operation manifest by the young people of the Nebraska Synod should be a source of joy and encouragement among our pastors.

From my own observation and from information of others, I believe that little of that Godless, law defying spirit that is so bewailed by some public speakers and writers is found among the young people of our Churches. When you stop and consider that less than half of our population are affiliated with the Protestant, Jewish or Catholic Church, you readily see that there are plenty of the unchurched to demonstrate

the Godless spirit. Not saying of course that it is entirely from those whose names are carried by the Church as members.

Definite reports and statistics for this report are confined almost entirely of necessity to our young people who are organized in Luther Leagues throughout the Churches. Our state Luther League is still headed by Herbert Fischer to whose dependability and faithful efforts much credit for the advancement of the work is due.

Six new leagues, totaling approximately 128 members have been added to the league organizations during the past year. Including three Intermediate Leagues and one Junior League, there are 29 leagues associated in the State League. Their membership exceeds one thousand young people. Such projects as the Andra Christian College Administration Building and the Luther League Hall for South America are oversubscribed by the young people of our state.

There is no organization of the local congregation that is found to be more loyal to Church and pastor than that of the young people. And yet we note that of the Churches of the Nebraska Synod less than half the number have Luther Leagues. Maybe they have other organizations such as Christian Endeavors or Epworth Leagues, but why not have Luther Leagues, affiliated with the State League, which is part of the official organization recognized by the United Lutheran Church. The Luther League is "Of the Church—by the Church—for the Church."

July 6 to 10, 1929, the Eighteenth Biennial Convention of the Luther League of America will meet in Omaha. Nothing that has come to Nebraska for years has greater possibilities of blessings to our Churches of Nebraska than this convention has.

We have noted with regret how few of our pastors avail themselves of the hospitality of our Luther League Hospice upon coming to Omaha; and how few co-operate by sending their young people who are coming to the city to this place where they will find a Christian home and wholesome environment. Twenty young people have made this place their home during the past year and 45 transients have been entertained. But with the co-operation of our pastors this Christian service can be greatly increased.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. EBRIGHT.

Rev. H. C. Cordts read the report from the Committee on the Laymen's Movement for Stewardship. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Your committee started to work with a bang. We arranged for a state-wide itinerary for Mr. George L. Rinkliff, Traveling Secretary for the Laymen's Movement for Stewardship. Owing to conflicting dates we have not been able to carry out our program, and are still waiting for definite date from the national headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,
H. C. CORDTS, Chairman.

The Committee on the Synodical Paper was given by Rev. R. E. Rangeler. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL PAPER

Since the last meeting of Synod your Committee on Synodical Paper has published five issues of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran. The number of issues has been determined by the funds available in the Synodical Paper Fund. 6,300 copies of each issue have been printed, reaching the entire membership of the Church as far as pastors have sent in their additions to the mailing lists.

The business manager's report is given below.

Recommendations to Synod

1. We recommend that the publication of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran be continued.
2. That it be financed by provision made by Synod through the apportionment as in the past.
3. That the Committee on Church Paper be appointed by the Executive Committee of Synod, with the Editor and Business Manager living in the city in which the paper is published.

Respectfully submtted,
R. E. RANGELER,
COY LUTHER STAGER,
TED WOOD.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SYNOD LUTHERAN

June, 1927	$78.75
October, 1927	83.50
December, 1927	75.00
January, 1928	75.00

March, 1928 ..... 78.00

Total Cost to Synod $390.25

Printers—Perkins Printing Company of Fremont, Nebraska.

Mailing—Second Class Privileges.

Number of Issues—Five.

Circulation—6,300.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. WOOD.

The Tithers' League Committee reported through its chairman, Rev. W. A. Voss, and the report was read by Rev. K. de Freese. Adopted.

REPORT OF TITHERS' LEAGUE COMMITTEE

Your committee has taken care of those matters that have come to its attention during the year. Considerable interest is manifest by our Synod in Tithing but not as much as there should be.

We are happy to report that one new Tither has been added to our membership making a total of 81 Tithers in our Synod.

We recommend as good literature on Tithing, "The Victory of Mary Christopher" by Harvey Reeves Calkins and "The Deacon's Daughter" by F. M. McConnell.

We urge upon our pastors the duty of preaching "Tithing" for it is God's revealed method of giving being taught both in the Old and in the New Testament and has the distinct approval of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matt. 23:23.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER A. VOSS, Chairman.

Rev. G. F. Kabele gave the report of the Committee on Letters and Papers. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

Your committee would respectfully report that no letters or papers were referred to it needing the consideration of Synod.

GEO. F. KABELE, Chairman.

Mr. J. H. Humpe was re-elected Trustee of Tabitha Home.

Rev. W. A. Klink read the report of the Committee on New Congregations. Adopted.

COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONS

Since no new Congregations have made application to Synod for membership your committee has nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. KLINK, Chairman.

Rev. R. E. Rangeler was elected Trustees of Tabitha Home.
Adjournment with prayer by Rev. W. C. Heidenreich.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Fitting recognition was made by Synod of the 25th anniversary of the entrance of Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., into the Gospel Ministry. Following this the ordination service was held. Rev. Paul C. White and Rev. Henry H. Scherer were ordained and Mr. E. G. Wood was licensed. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. O. W. Ebright on the text I Timothy 1:18. The liturgical service was conducted by the Rev. Fred Wiegman, pastor loci. The officers of Synod were assisted in the ordination service by the members of the Examining Committee, and Rev. Fred Wiegman, Rev. R. A. White, and Rev. O. W. Ebright.

Synod opened its business session after the ordination service, by prayer by Rev. Kemper.

The report of the Committee on the President's Report was given by Rev. George E. Mortensen. It was considered seperatim. All items adopted and report as a whole adopted.

COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee on the President's Report beg leave to report as follows:

That we heartily commend Dr. Guss, the President of our Synod for his splendid and untiring services in that portion of our Master's vineyard embraced by our Synod. We wish especially to register our appreciation of the success of the Ministerial Pension and Relief Campaign in our Synod due largely to his activity in its behalf.

It is with a sense of gratitude to Almighty God that we note our president's zeal in carrying out our Lord's great commission to extend the bounds of the Kingdom, in his solicitude on behalf of the weak and struggling congregations, and in his alertness to discover new opportunities for planting the Church.

It is with a pardonable pride we say, "This man loves our Church," and is building up the walls of Zion.

Your committee acted upon the President's recommendations as follows:

No 1. Approved as submitted.
No. 2. Approved as submitted.
No. 3. Approved as submitted.
No. 4. Approved as submitted.
No. 5. Approved as subimtted.
No. 6. Approved as submitted.
No. 7. Approved as submitted.
No. 8. Was approved by Synod and needs no further attention.
No. 9. Was approved by Synod and needs no further attention.
No. 10. Approved as submitted.
No. 11. Approved as submitted.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. E. MORTENSEN, Chairman,
W. C. HEIDENREICH,
G. KELLER RUBRECHT,
ALBERT HEDELUND,
H. FISCHER,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Rev. Henry Dumler. Adopted. Moved and carried that Synod recommends that these and all other recommendations be read to our congregations by our pastors.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, that we express our appreciation of the presence of Dr. L. B. Wolf, Executive Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions; and the Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., Field Secretary of Religious Education for the Central District for the Parish and Church School Board, and the Rev. E. Walter, D. D., Superintendent of Tabitha Home, and we assure these representatives of our willingness to co-operate with them in the work they represent.

Resolved that we inform our congregations of the financial condition of the Board of Foreign Missions and urge them to pledge their support to this board.

Resolved that we go on record as being in sympathy with the work done by the State Department of Public Instruction relative to character

education in the public schools of Nebraska and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Superintendent, Charles W. Taylor.

Resolved that we commend Dr. H. F. Martin for his efficient management of Midland College as indicated by his report, and that we pledge our continued support to him in his administration.

Resolved that we have heard with pleasure the report of the Midland Assembly Committee and urge all of our congregations to bring their workers to this Assembly so that they may have enlarged vision and better training for work in the local congregation.

Resolved that we express our appreciation to the Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., Ph. D., LL. D., for his splendid contribution to the field of Christian education in his recently published book entitled "Catechetical Evangelization."

Resolved that we commend the Rev. Paul C. White for the preparation of the "History of the Sunday School in the Nebraska Synods of the U. L. C. A." and thank him for his gift of the manuscript to Synod.

Resolved that we commend our President for his untiring efforts in the administration of his office.

Resolved that we express our appreciation to the First English Lutheran congregation, pastor, and choir and to all who have contributed to the success of this convention, and that a copy of this resolution be read to the congregation.

Resolved that we express our appreciation to the Sunday School orchestra of the Methodist Church for the splendid program of Tuesday night.

Resolved that we acknowledge the courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce in making possible a visit to Arbor Lodge, and for this kindness we return them our thanks with appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY DUMLER, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on the Protocol was read by Rev. C. P. Karriker. Item concerning "Page 27" was referred to the Executive Committee of Synod. Report adopted.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Page 6. Mr. S. L. Keller attended two sessions of Synod and not three.

Page 7. Albert **Herelund** should be **Hedelund.**

Page 12. Carries correction over protocol. C. B. Harman over (D. D.) protocol—C. H. Herman, D. D.

Page 15. Motions relative to election of Treasurer—To election of Secretary—omitted.

Page 16. Lewelleen should be Lewellen.

Page 27. The report of Trustees of Midland College is scarcely recognizable as their report. We recommend that the Minutes correspond to the protocol, and not to some man's fancy. It is the report of the Trustees, and when accepted by Synod—No person has a right to make any changes.

Page 34. Young Peoples Hospice (should read Omaha Young People's Hospice). Neither is correct. Should be the Omaha Hospice of the Luther League of Nebraska.

Page 40. Motions omitted regarding election of Trustees of Midland College.

Page 41. Same.

Page 54. Motion relative to place for meeting of Synod (next 1928) omitted.

Recommendations

1. That all reports and business of the Synod be printed in the Minutes in the same order as they come in the Protocol.

2. That no reports be changed after they have been accepted by Synod.

3. That the Luther League be given as much space in the Minutes as is needed.

C. P. KARRIKER
W. H. SAAS.

Invitations for the next meeting of Synod were received from Omaha, Church of Our Redeemer, Davenport and South Sioux City. Synod balloted in favor of Omaha, Church of Our Redeemer, Rev. K. de Freese, pastor.

Rev. W. H. Saas read the report of the Committee on Leave of Absence. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Your committee begs to report that the following have requested leaves of absence and their request granted: Dr. C. B. Harmon, his delegate, Hooper delegate, Dr. J. A. Lowe, J. Fred Smith, and the Falls City delegate.

Other requests have been received since Synod convened. Because they are too numerous to report, we recommend their acceptance in general.

We further recommend that delegates be more conscientious in the matter of reporting their requests for leave of absence.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SAAS, Chairman.

Rev. C. L. Stager read the report of the Committee on Publicity. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Publicity Committee has discharged the usual functions of its office, keeping the local newspaper informed as to the proceedings of Synod, reporting to the Nebraska Synod Lutheran, and to the Lutheran, and the Omaha papers.

REV. COY LUTHER STAGER
FRED C. WIEGMAN
R. C. RANGELER
W. H. SAAS.

Moved and carried that Synod adjourn to meet at 8:45 Thursday morning. Prayer by Rev. H. C. Cordts.

THURSDAY MORNING

Synod was led in devotions by its chaplain, Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D.

Synod opened its business session with prayer by Rev. T. D. Rinde.

Synod roll called.

Minutes read and approved as corrected.

Moved and carried that all but the results of all Synodical elections be omitted from the Minutes.

Mr. W. W. Metz, Secretary of the Nebraska City Chamber of Commerce, was given the floor of Synod, and Synod adjourned to accept the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce to visit the Arbor Lodge.

Synod reconvened after the above trip.

Synod accepted the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the program and procedure for the next meeting of Synod be prepared under the direction of the Executive Committee with the thought and purpose of giving sufficient time for the consid-

eration and discussion of important subjects, remembering that Synod makes its own time.

Moved and carried that the next meeting of Synod be held beginning Tuesday following May 18th, 1929.

Moved and carried that Synod have 1,500 copies of its Minutes printed.

Moved and carried that Synod allow $10.00 for janitor service in the Church which has been host to us.

The report of the Committee on Speakers and Chaplain for the next meeting of Synod was given by Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D. Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPEAKERS AND CHAPLAIN FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD

Your committee would report the following:

Communion Sermon—Rev. Alfred Frank; Alternate, Rev. E. A. Vosseler.

Ordination Sermon—Rev. G. Keller Rubrecht, D. D.; Alternate, Rev. R. A. White, D. D.

Chaplain—Rev. R. E. Rangeler; Alternate, Rev. G. P. Kabele.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVERS, Chairman.

Rev. A. B. Swerdtfeger read the report from the Committee on Claims. Adopted as corrected.

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

Your committee recommends that the following bills be allowed and paid by the Synod Treasurer from the general fund:

R. E. Rangeler	$ 5.31
L. M. Kuhns	18.80
L. C. Hershey	9.65
Fred Wiegman	2.47
	$36.23

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

The following amendment to the Constitution was proposed to be acted upon one year hence:

Proposed amendment of Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution. Strike out "and the congregation or pastoral charge shall arrange to pay his and their pastor's regular expenses to be in full attendance upon such meetings." Substitute, "and the Synod shall pay the railroad fare

of each pastor and lay delegate, who is in full attendance upon such meetings."

M. J. HARDER
A. R. SUDMAN
CARL H. KEMPER
H. A. ANSPACH
E. T. TRAMP
W. T. KAHSE

Moved and carried that Synod reconsider its action on its instructions to its delegates to the meeting of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church. Moved and carried that the clause be stricken out, "or, failing in this to move to abolish the Board of Education."

Moved and carried to adjourn until 1:00 p. m. Prayer by Dr. Jos. H. Miller.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Synod opened with prayer.

Moved and carried that Synod adjourn to meet in Executive Session for the reading of the Minutes of a former Executive Session. Minutes read and approved.

Moved and carried that in the event that anything has been overlooked it be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

Moved and carried that Synod pay the bill owing the United Lutheran Publication House by the former York Church for $50.00.

Adjournment of Synod by the usual formal closing service.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of the proceedings of the Fifty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, held in First Lutheran Church of Nebraska City, Nebraska, May 15-17, 1928.

E. C. MORTENSEN, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Lutheran Brotherhood OF THE Evangelical Lutheran Synod OF NEBRASKA

Held at Fremont, Nebr., April 18, 1928

(Minutes Abbreviated)

The 11th Annual Meeting of the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska was held at Salem Lutheran Church, at Fremont, and was called to order at 2:30 p. m. by President L. D. Swanson.

The following Brotherhoods were represented: Auburn, Fremont, Oshkosh-Lewellen, West Point, and the Omaha Churches, Kountze Memorial, Church of Our Redeemer, St. Mark's, St. Luke's.

Mr. A. H. Pinchell lead in prayer and the welcome address was given by Prof. G. E. Hickman. President Swanson read his report, and appointed the following committees:

Nominating—F. B. Rohr, Albert Quelle , E. E. Rodysill.

Resolutions—G. E. Hickman, Frank C. Schack, B. F. Leonard.

Publicity—Jas. J. Raun, W. W. Kuening, Otto Westerbeck.

A paper written by Mr. Martin Allen, on "The Social and Welfare Aspect of the Brotherhood," was read by Mr. E. E. Rodysill.

"The Man's Place in the Church" and the "Brotherhood Accomplishments" were program subjects, which elicited considerable discussion from the delegates present, as the writers of these papers failed to appear.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Report of Treasurer, H. A. Gunderson, showed a balance of $30.14.

The invitation for the Brotherhood to meet next year at Fremont was accepted by a vote of the organization.

At 6:30 p. m. a banquet was served by the ladies of the Salem Lutheran Church. About 150 were present. Mr. Fritz Krueger led those present in several songs, and the Midland College Mixed Quartet sang three selections.

President Dr. J. M. Bramkamp of the Illinois Synod; President Dr. A. B. Leamer of the Iowa Synod, and President Dr. M. F. Troxell of the Rocky Mountain Synod were present and delivered helpful addresses.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, L. D. Swanson; Vice president, M. M. Martin; Secretary, L. W. Johnson, and Treasurer, H. A. Gunderson.

The Resolutions Committee then reported and the meeting was closed with prayer at 9:00 p. m.

L. W. JOHNSON, Secretary.

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